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Preface

When I first presented a copy of my previous book '*Power of X – Enter the 10 Gods*' to a BaZi friend, she weighed it in her hand before asking me 'Where's the rest of it?'. Some friend. I informed her that the book was only the first of several because, as I had pointed out, no single book could tell all there is to tell about the 10 Gods. Indeed, since the subject deals with the endless complexities of human life, the insight it can provide is limitless. BaZi study has become immensely popular all over the world and part of this popularity comes from its interesting layered nature and the fact that it produces tangible information we can act upon for real world results. In this book, we will go deeper into the world of the 10 Gods in BaZi Astrology and learn how to analyse the combination of these *10 important Stars* so that we may come to understand how we maximise the pros of our own destinies. Understanding this process and the role we play in determining our own future gives us the power to take control of it.

There are very few subjects in BaZi study that get more attention than the 10 Gods (The Ten Stars). Over the past 15 years I have taught countless students living in 5 different continents about various aspects of BaZi. I am often asked to create classes dedicated to the 10 Gods alone. To address this interest, I wrote a substantial 500-page textbook dedicated to the subject matter called ***'The Ten Gods'*** (note: the use of the title '*Ten Gods*' to differentiate from this book which is titled '*10 Gods*'). It took me three years to write and was aimed at professionals and practitioners who already had a strong technical understanding of BaZi or who had attended my BaZi Mastery courses. Writing *The Ten Gods* really helped me get my teeth into the topic and has allowed me to subsequently break it down into terms that beginners can understand and act upon. This book is the second installment in the '*Power of X*' subseries of the '*Destiny Code*' books and has been written for the layperson or DIY BaZi enthusiast who may not necessarily have the time or immediate inclination to attend professional BaZi classes with a trainer. Whilst both *The Ten Gods* and *The Power of X* books, including this one, deal with the subject of the 10 Gods, they are written from very different perspectives meaning that even if you have read *The Ten Gods* you will still learn new things from this title!

The challenge I have faced in putting together my ongoing wider *Destiny Code* series lies in keeping things simple for a wider audience and walking them through complex concepts in a step by step manner. My goal is to deal with the extremely technical without *getting* extremely technical. Some people may find it frustrating to hear that there may be no end to what BaZi has to teach but I think this is the key to its power: no matter how much you study, BaZi can always give you new answers and wisdom. It is a form of study which keeps on giving back as much as you put in and this latest title gives readers everything they need to make astounding changes.

In this book I introduce the *Multi-Star* approach where multiple stars are considered together in order to deduce a more accurate picture of a person's personality, thinking style, approach, strengths and even weaknesses. These highly individual and personal differences largely determine the way a person creates their own Destiny, regardless of what life throws at the person. I will also show you how to analyse these Stars with action and change being the end game, not just diagnosis or prediction. Which Actions will make improvements in the areas of Wealth, Career or Relationships for you? The answers your BaZi Chart gives you will be customised to dovetail with *your* personality and qualities.

I am all about action. I don't subscribe to just knowing but not doing anything about your BaZi. BaZi allows people to act and make smarter decisions for themselves, rather than simply giving them a handful of quaint tips and tricks. I want to show you the same methods that BaZi practitioners use to turn an analysis of a BaZi chart into action to transform lives. By learning which paths are open to us we can simply select the one most in line with what we want.

It is a sad reality that many people will come to regret the time they squandered during their life or wish that they achieved their success much earlier so they could have enjoyed it for longer. **Analysing the 10 Gods** aims to take the guesswork out of the decision-making equation and speed up your journey to success. I believe that life is about improving (and enjoying) the process of achieving success

and not about the destination. Too many of us are content to wait around for things to change or for our big break to come along, paralysed by fear or confusion as to what the right thing to do is or when is the 'best time' to do something. It is very easy to blame our circumstances, lack of opportunities or the weather for our current situation or even to think that success isn't possible for us. The truth is, though, that waiting around for the "perfect moment" is little more than an excuse to do nothing. You need to get out there and start maximising your destiny today. Effective people understand that Success lies in making the most well advised decisions on a day-to-day basis. When you make good decisions over and over again - success (and happiness) are natural by-products.

Of course, this title builds upon everything in my previous books from first *Destiny Code* right through to the *Power of X* and it uses the same BaZi terminology and concepts (BaZi Language as my students like to call it) as previous titles. If it's been a while since you've read the other books in this series, or if you haven't read them at all then there's no time like the present to pick up copies so that you may fully benefit from this book.

Learning is like building a wall, and each title on BaZi I publish enables you to build your own wall of knowledge and wisdom higher and higher. As this book is dealing with more complex matters it is imperative that you fully comprehend everything you read before moving on. A good wall must be built properly from the ground up and each brick must be placed firmly; every concept cemented into place so that further learning and enlightenment is possible. For some people, absorbing the information herein will be easy. Other readers may need to read a chapter at a time before putting the book down for a while so that they can make sense of things and avoid information overload and paralysis by analysis! There is no rush. If what you learn each day helps you improve your life by only 1% then by this time next year you will be three times as good!

Whatever the case may be, I promise you that dedicating more time to this book will yield more benefits in your personal life and career as you come to understand your own Destiny with increasing

clarity, taking more focused and intelligent action because of it, resulting in new, soaring success. Live with this book for a while. It's a pretty smart idea to read through it several times over the course of the year to really cement what you picked up.

As a counsellor, coach, consultant and teacher of various Chinese Metaphysics, I have to say that BaZi has a special place in my heart. I am passionate about teaching BaZi because of the repeated positive changes I have seen it bring about in the lives of people all over the world. In the past 15 years I have learnt how personality, beliefs, self-awareness and the choices we make largely dictate the Destiny we create for ourselves. Contrary to popular belief, we can always choose a better version of our future if we know which choices are the best for us. If this book and others can help increase your self awareness, illustrate the strengths of your personality and point you towards the roles in life you are born to play (and succeed in) then success, wealth and happiness simply take care of themselves.

Let's begin.

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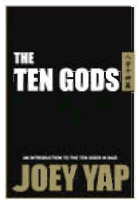

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The Ten Gods are an integral and core component of the study of BaZi. This book presents a one-of-a-kind reference designed to provide a thorough and extensive introduction to the specific subject matter, the Ten Gods in BaZi. It has been written with the novice and intermediate students of BaZi in mind, bringing the necessary understanding for anyone seeking to master BaZi beyond the beginner level.

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Sample: This is how your BaZi Chart will look like

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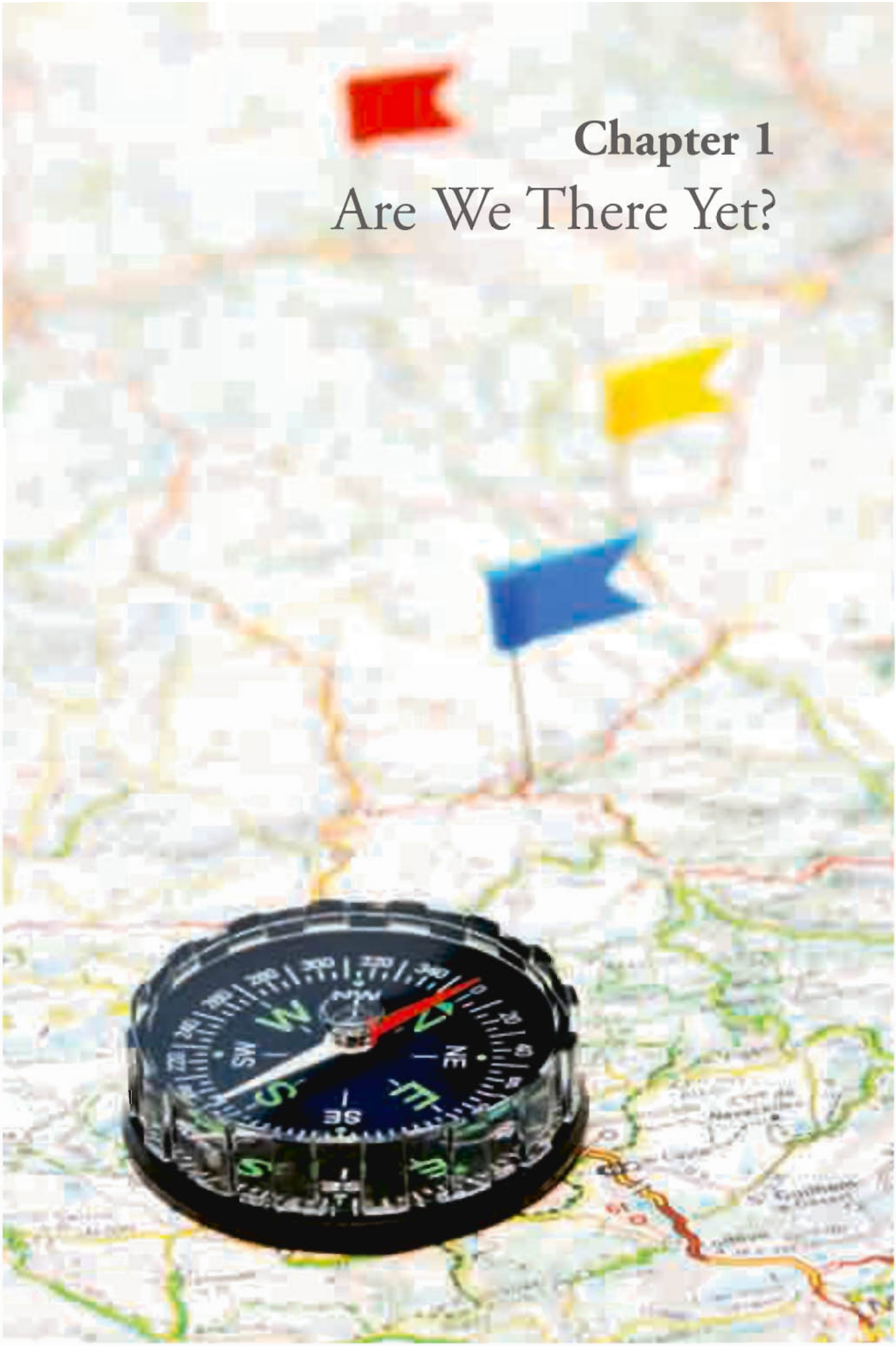
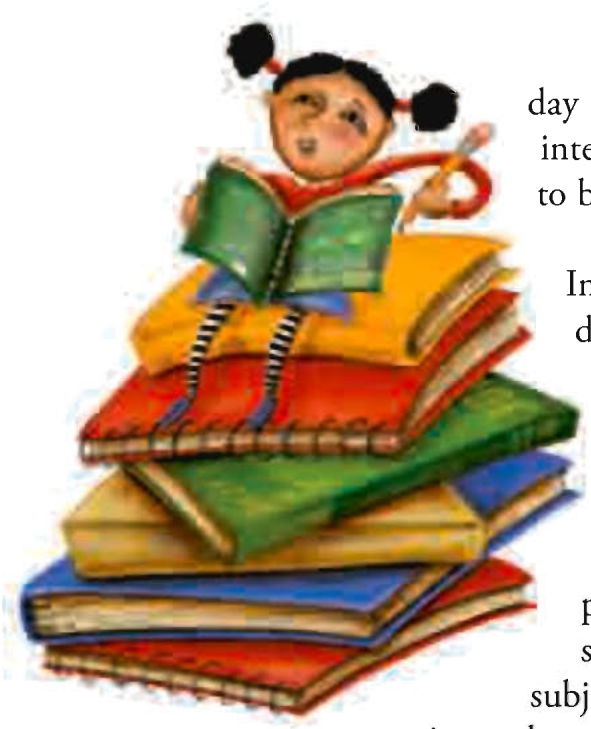
Are We There Yet?



One of the frequently contemplated but often unasked questions that people have about my books on BaZi is whether or not I'm deliberately withholding material. They wonder why I can't just write everything down in one book and get it over with. Okay, maybe two books. After all, here we are, four books down the line, and we haven't even got on to the Luck Pillars!

In fact, we are, in this book, still on the topic of the 10 Gods 十神. And probably will be on it for a while.

In my classes, the 10 Gods is not covered in the preliminary class and is the topic of Module 2, which is a three-day class. During that time, I cover the 10 Gods in maybe at least one to one and a half days. In the context of a class, due to the need to address many other essential BaZi syallbus, sometimes there is not enough time to provide a great deal of explanations or details or delve into an extensive number of examples or show students everything step-by-step, minutiae by minutiae. I expect students in Module 2 to know the Chinese names of all the 10 Heavenly Stems and Earthly Branches so there's no pandering involved – I don't bother to say "Tiger – Yin – Yang Wood – 寅" in class. It's just 寅. There's also no time to highlight each and every relevant Stem or Branch that is being referenced in an explanation of a chart or example OR for that matter, to repeat the Five Elements cycle information each time. Module 2 is a three-



day class to get students from basics to intermediate and there's much material to be covered.

In my books however, I can be that detail orientated. I can be extravagant with my explanations. Time…is on my side.

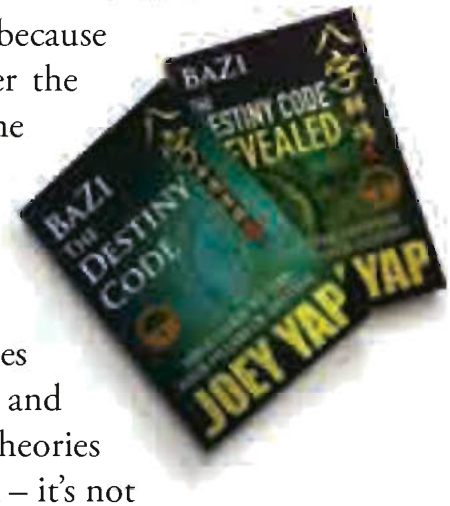
So far from being long-winded, the reason why my books don't proceed at such a rapid pace is simply because reading about the subject is not the same as learning it in a classroom environment. If you have a question when you are reading the book, the book does not answer it (yet – perhaps one day, when SIRI becomes sufficiently widespread, it might). But if you have a question in class, you will have it answered.

As such, my books are designed to cater to a different type of student – the student who is more comfortable reading and working through material independently, or the student who simply wants to learn at a slower pace. Which is why my books are extremely detailed and go through numerous examples to illustrate the different points and principles.

But aside from the obvious educational requirements and demands posed by writing about a subject where not a lot of reference materials available for students exists, there is the subject itself. That is the primary reason why it has taken four books to get to this point.

BaZi is not a difficult subject. But it is not a simplistic one either. It is an intellectual rigorous field of study, especially if you actually want to be good at it and be able to use it effectively.

Far to many students of BaZi over-estimate their understanding and under-estimate the depth of the subject. They also fail to appreciate that whilst BaZi is not a difficult subject, it is an intellectually demanding one. Like anything else, you can't learn BaZi if you only devote half your brain and one third of your energy to it. Nine times out of ten, students have difficulty applying something simply because they have not bothered to really master the bare basics: the 10 Heavenly Stems, the 12 Earthly Branches, and the Seasons. (see *The Destiny Code*)



It is also important to separate between understanding the principles and theories and actually arriving at conclusions and dispensing advice. The principles and theories of BaZi are not that difficult or complex – it's not quantum physics. But learning the art of application is where the challenge lies. It is very easy to grasp BaZi principles and theories in its basic form – Favourable and Unfavourable Elements, which is the focal point of this book in the *Power of X* subseries, is not difficult to understand. But its application can give students fits, especially if there is a poor grasp of the basics such as the concept of the elemental seasons.

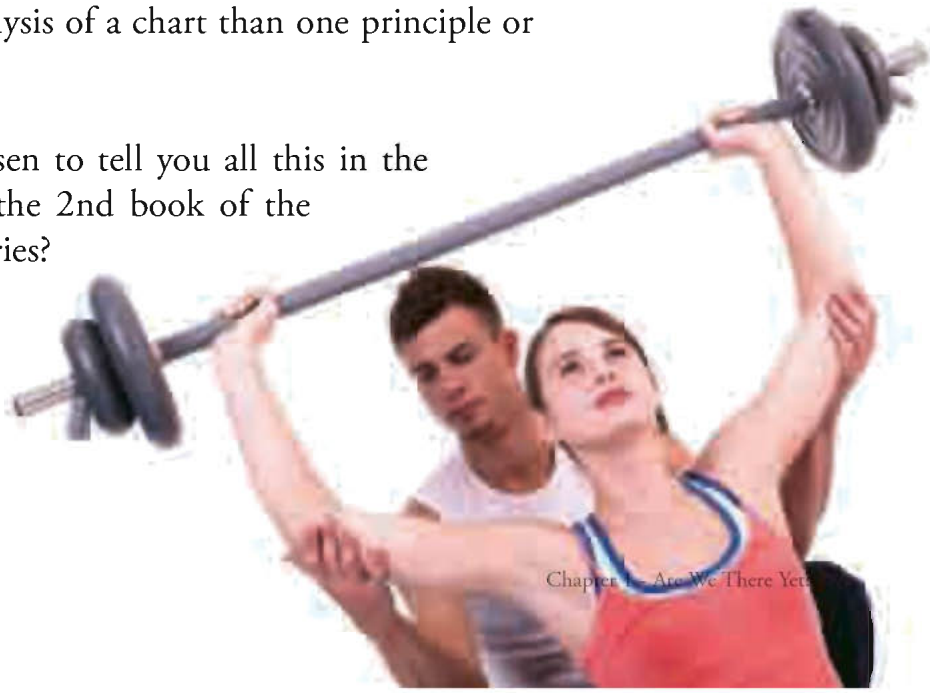
This is the reason why each book only covers a very small segment of what is a voluminous topic. There is absolutely no point in speeding through the basics and getting to the so-called Holy Grail of BaZi and then realising that you have no idea how to work those principles because you don't have a good grasp of the more basic principles or worse, can't remember half the interactions. (aside: everyone assumes Favourable and Unfavourable Elements or the Useful God is the Holy Grail of BaZi. Clue, it's not. Bigger clue: there is no Holy Grail of BaZi – it's all important, useful and relevant, if you know how to use it).

It is the case that sometimes, the information or explanation is deliberately kept simple. This is because we are working with full charts and real examples and there will always be a feature in the chart sometimes that qualifies a particular principle or is an exception or could create an exception in the event the Luck Pillars are taken into consideration.

It is also the case that we are still looking at many of the basic theories of BaZi application and throwing everything including the kitchen sink into the equation will not be helpful if it ends up confusing the readers. As with any subject, it is crucial to begin with the absolutes, before one moves on to the grey areas and the exceptions to the rules. But as you will see from all my books on BaZi, I have always emphasised the importance of appreciating each example and the explanation within the context of the principle being evaluated AND have always taken pains to ensure students appreciate that exceptions do exist, and that other principles could exist to supersede the one being illustrated.

That is why I believe in giving you tasters occasionally for appropriate examples, adding a more sophisticated dimension to the analysis, or including some slightly more advanced examples. The whole idea of those exercises is akin to asking someone who is used to bench pressing 50kgs ten times to try out 55kgs six times. It's not designed to enable you to apply those principles or throw your understanding out of sync, but to enable you to see what is coming down the line and to keep in mind that there is always much more depth to the analysis of a chart than one principle or a few techniques.

Why have I chosen to tell you all this in the introduction of the 2nd book of the *Power of X* subseries?



Firstly, I wanted to address this long-standing grouse that some readers may have had about the Destiny Code series and this assumption that somehow, my books contain 'less' information than my classes or courses contain. My books don't contain less information – they contain a different methodology and approach to the teaching of BaZi. I don't spoonfeed students in my classes but I spoonfeed quite a bit in the books because of certain assumptions I have to make about the readers.

But more importantly, I want my readers to appreciate that the depth of this subject knows no bounds and accordingly, it is not that there are only a few things to say and I am just dragging it out as long as I can. Rather, it is that there is so much to discuss and a great deal to cover and it is not easy to cover it effectively and in a manner in which everyone can understand, without being extensively thorough (which is not the same as being long-winded).

Further, it is often at the intermediate stage that BaZi students start to fall off the rails and where they are at the stage of a little information being dangerous. This is the point in which students have some inkling of the kind of information and advantageous they can gain from BaZi but they don't have enough practice, knowledge and technical depth in which to effectively arrive at accurate and precise conclusions or to dispense and develop solutions to problems. As such, it

is all the more important to ensure that the seemingly basic principles like Favourable and Unfavourable Element are thoroughly covered, properly explained and well illustrated with plenty of examples to ensure students have a good grasp of the key basic techniques and principles before they move on to more complicated ideas.

It goes without saying therefore that a complex subtopic of BaZi like the 10 Gods needs not only to be thoroughly covered but if anything, covered in great depth and possibly, to the point of being drilled into the minds of students. For without a totally solid grasp of the 10 Gods and the 10 Gods operating in tandem with the different principles of analysis like Favourable and Unfavourable Element, you can forget about being able to wield some of the more sophisticated techniques and more advanced principles like the Useful God, Regulating Useful God, BaZi Structures and Auxilary Stars.

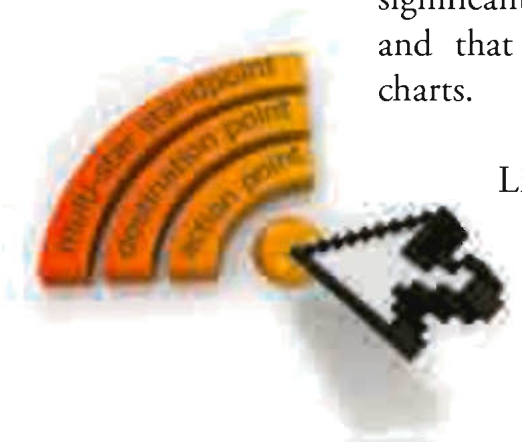
The old saying, you can't run before you can walk, applies to all things in life, BaZi included.

To return to the question posed by the title of this chapter: are we there yet?

Well, that depends on where 'there' is for you.

If you are looking at developing the skills and gaining the knowledge needed to analyse a BaZi chart, well, you've been able to do it from Book One. Knowing your Day Master and understanding the fundamental qualities of your Day Master is already a form of analysis. Understanding what industries suit you from a simple determination of your Favourable and

Unfavourable Elements, as you would have learned in *The Destiny Code*, covers a substantial part of most people's lives, since work and career now assumes a huge significance for most of us. From the first book in the *Power of X* subseries, you could have gained significantly greater insight into your own character and that of others around you from their BaZi charts.



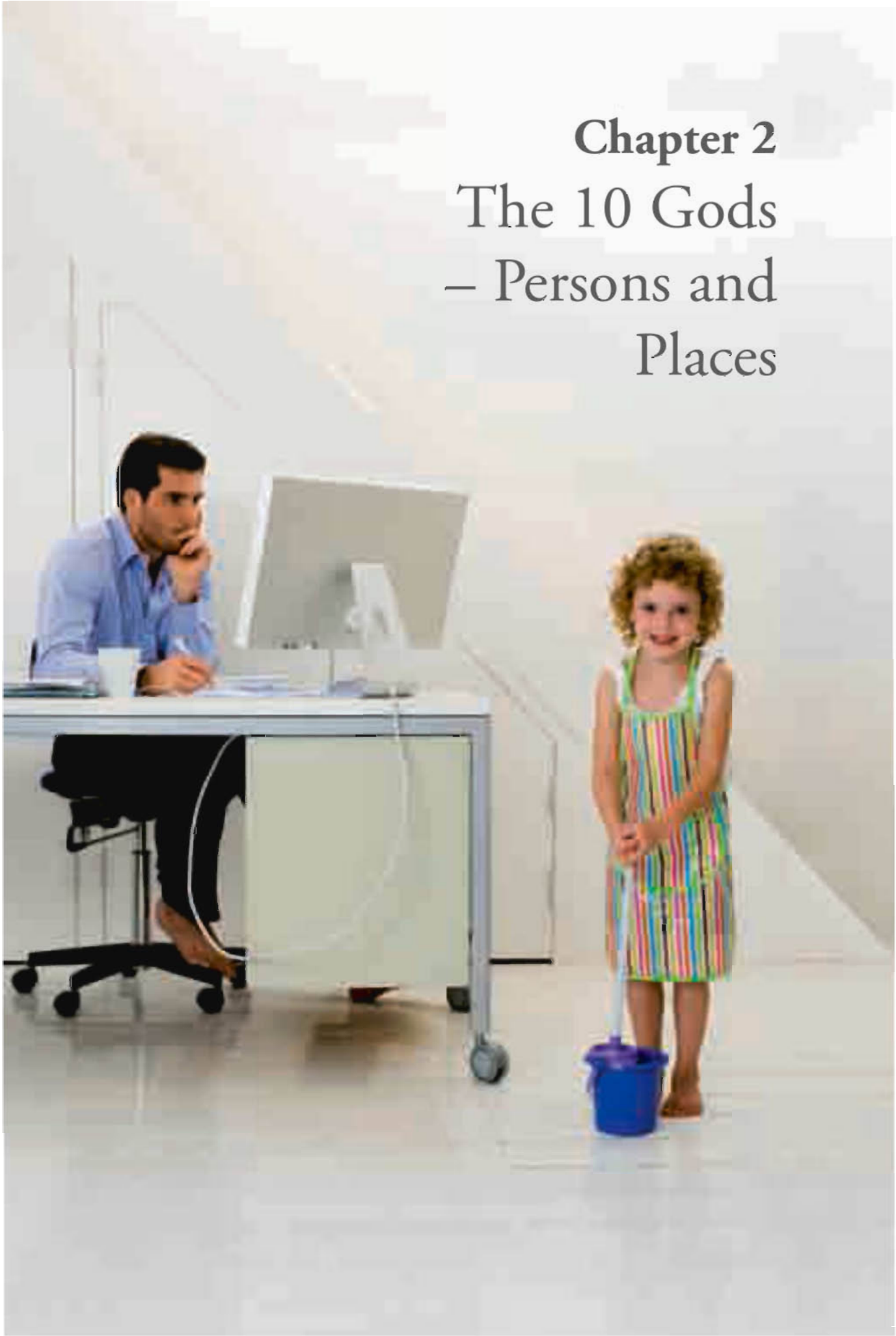
Like all journeys, getting there is never really the entire point of the exercise. It is what you see along the way and what you see before you RIGHT NOW that matters just as much as the destination point.

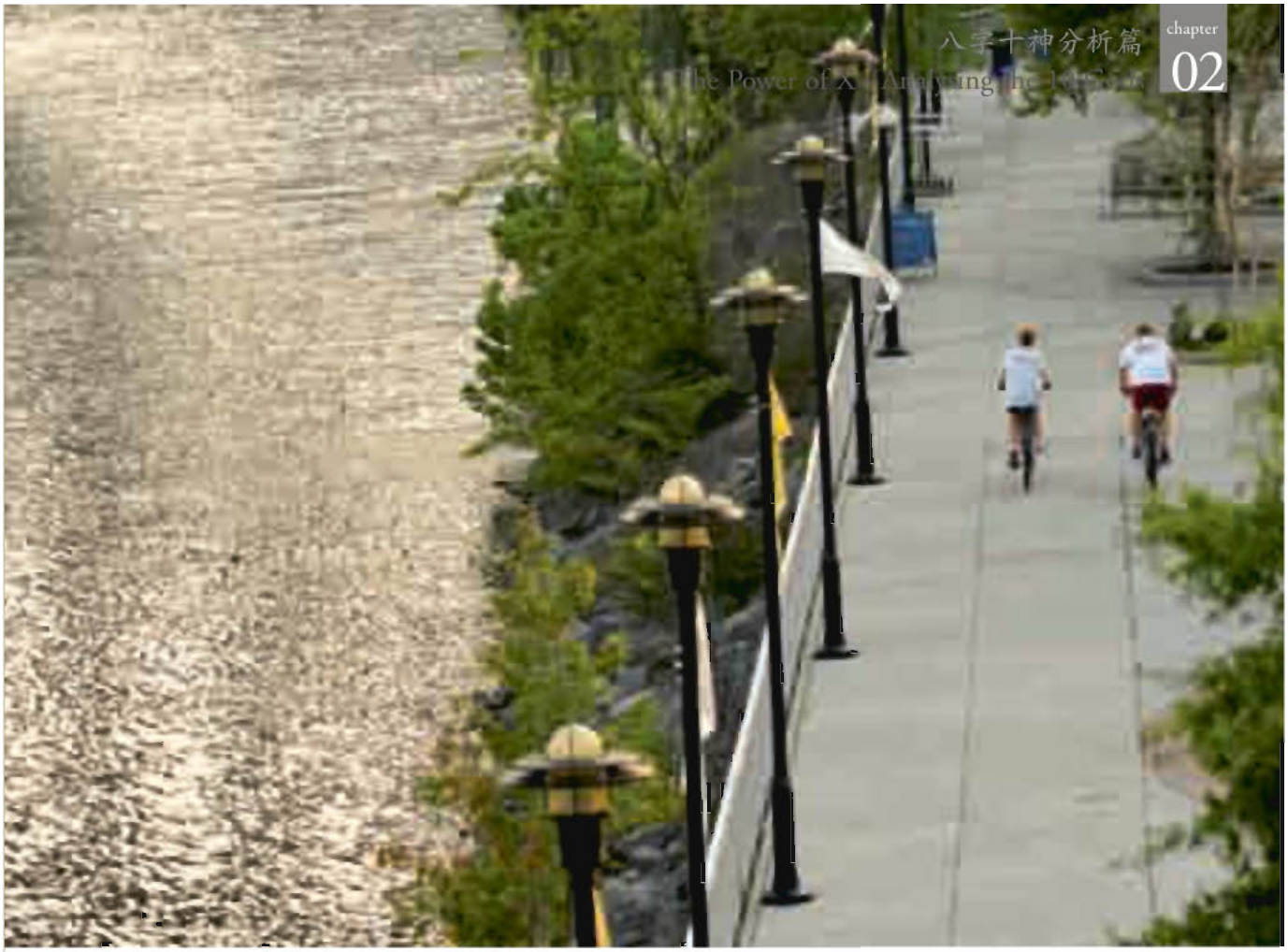
But just to move things away from the philosophical to the more grounded (or as we would say in BaZi, less Indirect Resource, more Direct Wealth), the focal point of this book is to get readers to continue on the process of thinking BaZi. It is time to move away from looking at matters and issues from a singular star standpoint and more towards a multi-star standpoint. This book will also cover in depth the subject matter of Favourable and Unfavourable Elements with a view to showing you how develop ACTION POINTS in response to the information derived from the analysis of a given BaZi chart.

And of course, more 10 Gods details to add more layers to your understanding of the individual 10 Gods.

Oh, and in case you're wondering – no, I'm still not there yet. Perhaps because I know that when it comes to BaZi…there is no…there.

Chapter 2
The 10 Gods – Persons and Places





Each of the 10 Gods represents objects, relationships, activities, actions, places and people, amongst other things.

In *Enter the 10 Gods*, the first in the *Power of X* series, I explained that the 10 Gods is a subject of tremendous breadth and depth. The 10 Gods, in essence, represents everything tangible and intangible, existing and not yet existing, come and gone, in this universe. Each of the 10 Gods represents objects, relationships, activities, actions, places and people, amongst other things. In the *Power of X* series, we will explore the 10 Gods in a progressively expansionary manner. Thus, in *Enter the 10 Gods*, I focused on giving you an understanding the 10 Gods within the context of personality traits and quirks. In this book, we will focus on understanding the 10 Gods within the context of Persons and Places and Matters, which is dealt with in the next Chapter.

The Relevance of People in BaZi

Our lives revolve around people – our daily interactions, be it at work, at home, or at play, involve people. The cause of our problems are people, and in the same vein, the solution to our problems could also be a specific person's help, assistance, advice or just insight.

Very often, laypersons interpret this within the context of the Zodiac animals. It is very common in a BaZi consult for the consultant to be asked about 'the Helpful Dog boss' or 'the sneaky Rat co-worker'. Frequently their concerns are premised on the false concept of the Zodiac animals – that Dogs are loyal and Rats are sneaky, rather than any real appreciation or understanding of how the Branch elements of two BaZi charts are interpreted together. The more appropriate approach is to look at your own BaZi chart to determine if perhaps you have a Character problem that pre-disposes you to issues with certain people and then to look at the Stars that represent specific People within your own BaZi chart to determine which individuals are causing you to pull your hair out in life and which are the ones who hold the keys to solving your problems.

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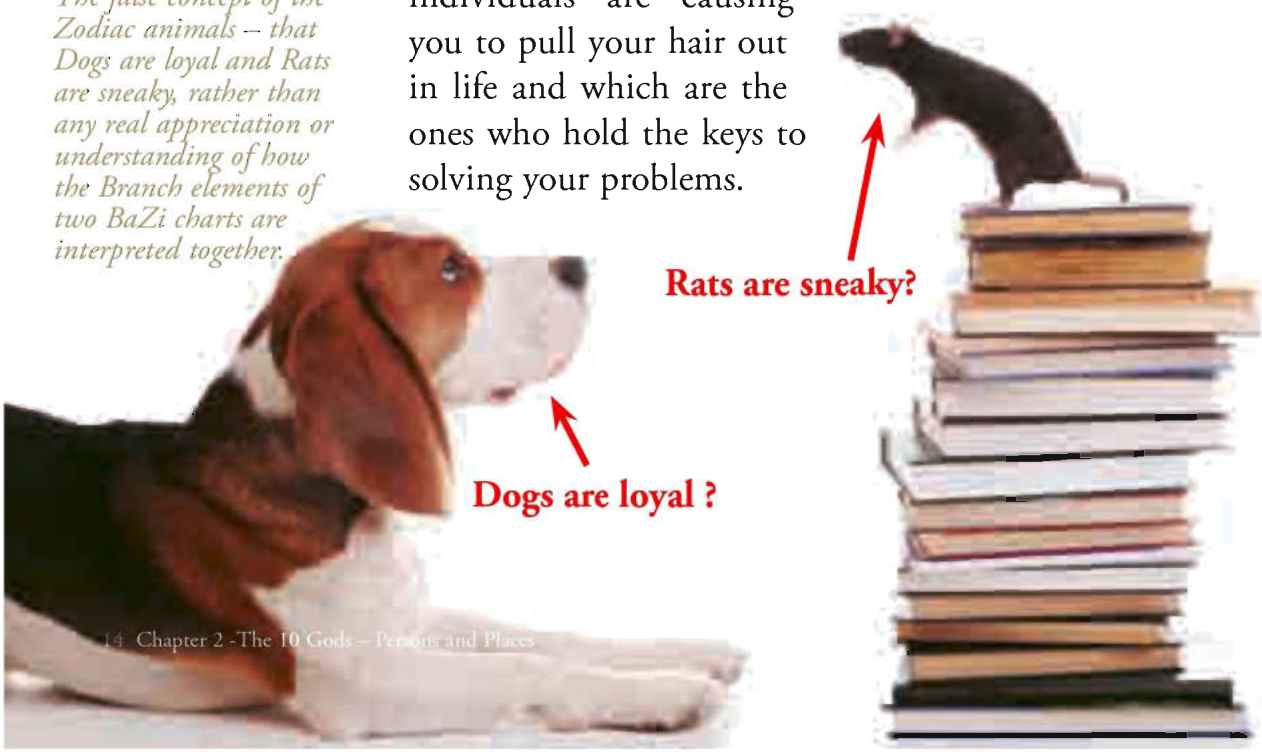

In this vein, next to the subject matter of Character (which also affects relationships), understanding which of the 10 Gods corresponds to the different People in your life is integral to effectively utilising your BaZi effectively to achieve your goals in life and to better manage your interactions with people.

It is important to be cognisant of the fact that whether you are a man or a woman will create distinctions specifically with regards People represented by a particular 10 God. For example, the Direct Officer Star represents both superiors and the spouse for a woman, but only represents the superiors for a man. For a man, the Indirect Wealth Star represents his father but for a woman, the Direct Wealth Star represents her father. This is an important distinction to be conscious off since this can significantly affect the interpretation of a BaZi chart in the event an error is made.

Keep in mind also that a 10 God can represent a specific person (ie: spouse, sibling, parent, superior), a class or category of individuals (ie: bosses, friends, co-workers) or a class of persons with a certain characteristic or quality. (ie: nice boss vs mean boss, a person who advocates on your behalf, a person who is your enemy). At times, it may be difficult to determine which of the 10 Gods a person or class of persons falls within – in such instances, the key is to be guided by the broad qualities of the 10 Gods and to also be able to analyse and break-down

Nice boss vs Mean boss

the key characteristics of the person in question or class of person's in question to determine which one of the 10 Gods best represents that person or class of persons. At this stage, this is not likely to be something you will be able to do with confidence because you may not be able to wield the 10 Gods with that kind of familiarity to enable you to apply it in a very abstract manner. But just keep in mind that the lists here are not exhaustive and give some thought to how these examples were derived as that will enable you to expand your 10 Gods vocabulary independently.

Finally, each 10 God will reference a number of specific persons. For example, the Direct Officer Star represents an individual's superiors in life such as bosses or clients. But for a man, the Direct Officer Star also represents his daughter. For a woman, the Direct Officer Star doubles up as the Spouse Star. To be clear, there is no contradiction or weirdness in this. It is, if you like, evidence of the economy of design and distinctively minimalistic functionality that typifies the beauty of BaZi. From a practical standpoint, it simply means that if the line of inquiry relates to a man's daughter or the man's job, we reference the SAME STAR. But as you will see later on in this book where I show you how to use this information to analyse a chart, just because a single star is referenced, that doesn't mean the interpretation is necessarily the same. This is because whilst the Star is the same, the Palaces that are referenced will be different, depending on the line of inquiry.

People & the Direct Officer Star

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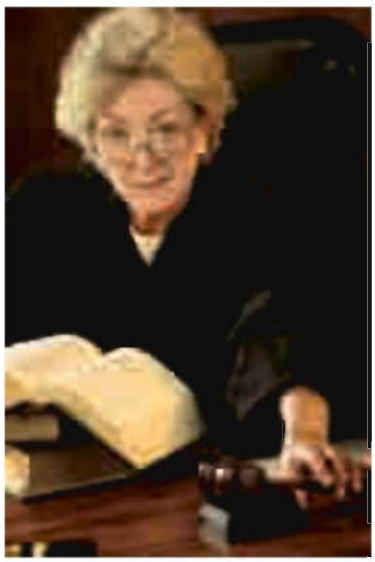
Direct Officer Star

The Direct Officer broadly represents the class of individuals who can be said to have legal power or exercise authority or influence over you in life. These include but are not limited to:

- Superiors/Bosses (if you are employed)
- Clients (if you are self-employed or run your own business)
- Judges
- Police
- Government officials or high ranking individuals
- Headmaster or School Teacher (if referencing a person under the age of 18)
- Wardens or Guards (if referencing someone who is in prison)



Judge

Teacher

Police

By this point, you ought to know which of the 10 Stems represents your personal Direct Officer Star. I have however reproduced the relevant table for quick reference.

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If for example, you are a Ren 壬 Water Day Master and you are working for someone, then your boss is represented in your chart by the element of Ji 己 Earth. If however you are a Jia 甲 Wood Day Master and you are working for someone, then your boss is represented in your chart by the element of Xin 辛 Metal.

Within the context of the family, the Direct Officer Star represents the following individuals:

- Maternal Grandfather
- Husband (for females)
- Daughters (for males)

七殺星

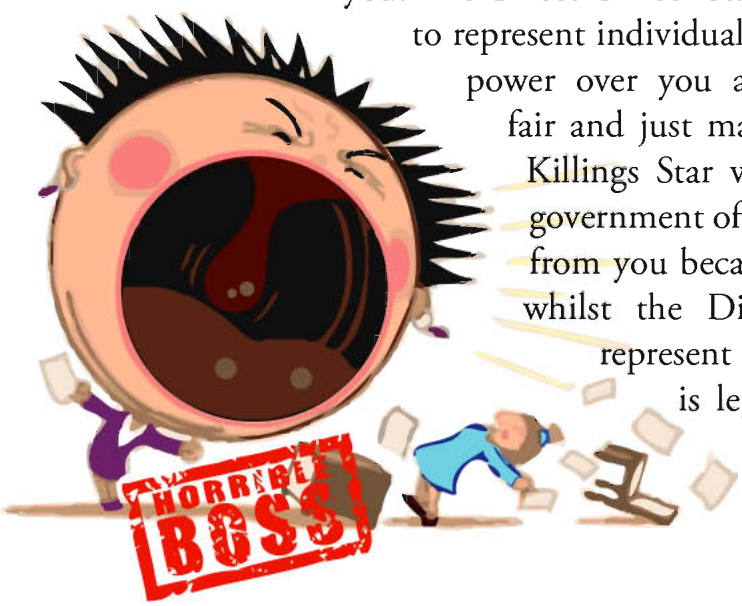
7 Killings Star

People & the 7 Killings Star

As the 7 Killings Star and the Direct Officer Star are both derived from the singular element that Controls the Day Master, there is some overlap in the People that the two Stars represent.

The 7 Killings Star is similar to the Direct Officer Star in that it also represents people who are your superiors, or who have power or authority or influence over you. However, the 7 Killings Star represents a different type of superior – typically, the 7 Killings Star represents the proverbial 'horrible boss', in contrast to the Direct Officer Star, which usually represents 'good boss'. Both the Direct Officer and 7 Killings Star represent superiors and bosses but each star represents a different *type* of superior or boss.

Whilst the 7 Killings Star also represents a broad class of individuals who have power or authority over you, the 7 Killings Star specifically represents individuals who have oppressive, illegal or abusive power over you. The Direct Officer Star on the other hand tends to represent individuals who have legal and valid power over you and who exercise it in a fair and just manner. For example, the 7 Killings Star would represent a corrupt government official who demands a bribe from you because they are able to do so whilst the Direct Officer Star would represent a government official who is legitimately exercising their regulatory powers.



Another way to understand the difference between the 7 Killings Star and the Direct Officer Star is in the context of a debt owed. A Direct Officer Star would represent a lawyer, who writes a letter to you, in order to collect a debt owed. By contrast, the 7 Killings Star would represent a loanshark who perhaps smashes your car windows in order to collect the debt owed. In both instances, the person in question is someone who has power or authority over you but depending on the Star involved, the nature of the power or authority is exercised differently.

The 7 Killings Star is most commonly associated with a class of individuals that the Chinese term 'small people' (小人) - the term is sometimes translated as 'petty people'. Like the term 'Noble People', ' Petty People' is a term which does not really accurately convey the context of what the 7 Killings Star represents. Essentially, Petty People are the polar opposite of Noble People. The term encompasses individuals and persons who strongly dislike you or are out to get you or who stand in your way. Enemies, detractors, back-biters, 'haters' and critics would be examples of individuals who fall within the category of 'petty people' and are thus people represented by the 7 Killings Star.

The 7 Killings Star would also represent the following types of People:

- Individuals engaged in high-octane/high adrenaline type jobs such as racecar drivers
- Individuals engaged in violent activities ie: triad members, gangsters, the mafia, criminals

Within the context of the family, the 7 Killings Star represents the following individuals:

- Sons (for males)
- Boyfriends (for females) – to be distinguished from the woman's Spouse Star, which is represented by the Direct Officer Star

Where a woman's chart does not show the presence then the 7 Killings Star is used to reference a woman's Spouse. However, if the Direct Officer Star is present, then the 7 Killings Star is used to reference boyfriends and usually also termed the 'Secondary Spouse Star'.

There is a definite difference between having Direct Officer as the Spouse Star and using the 7 Killings Star as the Spouse Star. Conventionally, the quality of the marriage and spousal relationship is regarded as better when the Spouse is represented by the Direct Officer Star, compared to the 7 Killings Star.

People & Hurting Officer Star

傷官星

Hurting Officer Star

The primary class of individuals that the Hurting Officer Star represents are employees and staff. Specifically, it references the following type of employees within an organisation:

- Marketing and promotions staff
- Account servicing or client management staff
- Receptionists
- Customer relationship managers
- Publicists and communications staff

Typically, staff that perform support-centric roles rather than revenue generating roles or support revenue generating roles (such as administrative assistants, cleaners) would fall under the Direct Resource Star.

The Hurting Officer Star would also represent the following types of People:

- Singers, actors, performance artists, individuals in the entertainment industry who are in the limelight
- Protestors and activists, anyone with a contrarian outlook
- Criminal defense lawyers (since they are challenging the order of the day, which is represented by the Direct Officer Star)
- The professional critic ie: film critic, theatre critic, food critic

Within the context of the family, the Hurting Officer Star represents the following individuals:

- Sons (for Females only)
- Maternal grandfather (for both males and females)

People & the Eating God Star

食神星

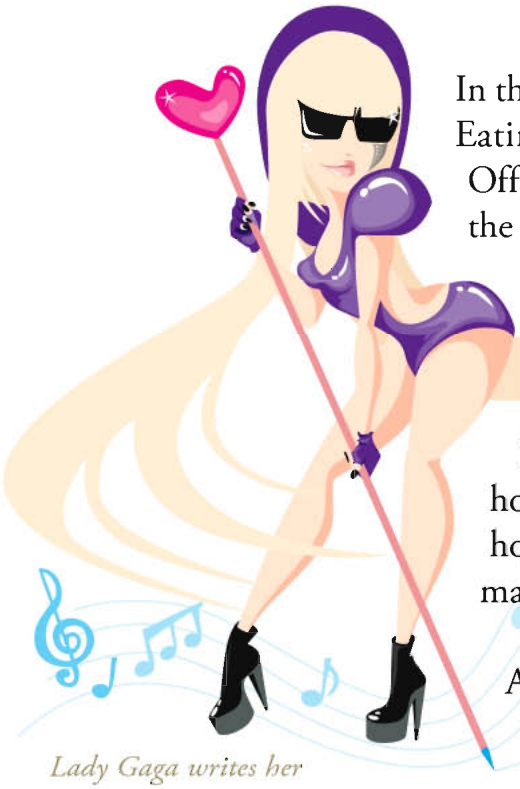
Eating God Star

The Eating God Star also represents employees and staff but references a different kind of employee, compared to the Hurting Officer Star. Typically, the following types of staff are represented by the Eating God Star:

- Long-serving employees or 'Key Man' employees
- Employees in a strategic role such as corporate finance, strategic development, product development, market research, analysts
- Employees working on projects with a long gestation period
- Employees that serve in a non-visible capacity such as Chief Financial Officer or Chief Operations Officer

The Eating God Star would also represent the following types of People:

- Students, disciples, followers and your mentees
- Behind the scenes creatives such as songwriters, producers, the film crew of a movie
- Chefs, cooks, sommeliers, gourmands
- Authors
- Artisans who make novelty or unique or special one-of-a-kind products.



Lady Gaga writes her own music and performs her own songs but she is primarily known as a singer/performer. This is a characteristic of a Hurting Officer Star .

In this day and age, it is quite difficult to separate Eating God-centric creatives from Hurting Officer-centric creatives. The best way to make the distinction is to look at the character of the person involved. Eating God-type artisans and creatives eschew publicity and want to be left alone to make their music, produce their clothes or create their food. Hurting Officer-type artisans and creatives however will be sure to let you know just how special what they have created is and will market and publicise it till kingdom come.

Another way to appreciate the distinction is to look at the primary nature of the person's job or creativity – for example, Lady Gaga writes her own music and performs her own songs but she is primarily known as a singer/performer. So she would clearly be referenced by the Hurting Officer Star. Diane Warren is an Oscar and Grammy Award nominated songwriter behind famous songs like 'Because You Loved Me' (performed by Celine Dion), 'How Do I Live' (performed by LeAnne Rimes) and 'I'd Lie For You and That's the Truth' (performed by Meatloaf). She does not perform her own music and only writes songs. Dianne Warren therefore would clearly be referenced by the Eating God Star. In the world of food, celebrity chefs like Gordon Ramsay and Jaime Oliver would clearly be regarded people represented by the Hurting Officer whilst Thomas Keller of the French Laundry and Ferran Adria of El Bulli are more apropos to the Eating God Star.

Within the context of the family, the Eating God Star represents daughters but recall, this is applicable only to females.

People & the Direct Resource Star

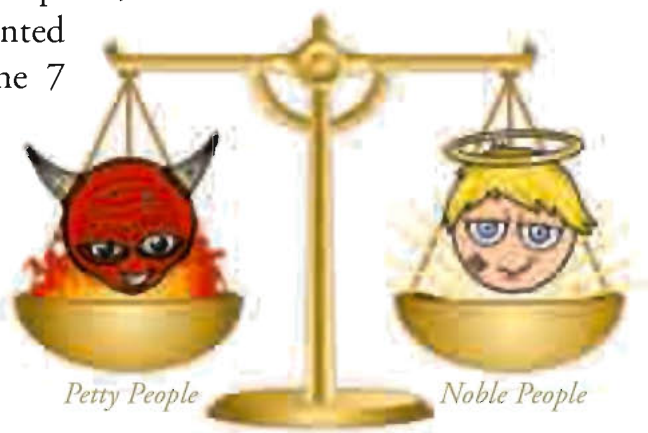
正印星

Direct Resource Star

The Direct Resource Star broadly represents a class of persons termed as 'Noble People' or 貴人. This is a very quintessentially Chinese concept, and is difficult to translate into Western terms. Sometimes the phrase 'helpful people' is used in an attempt to encapsulate what this concept means but this doesn't really actually capture the concept of Noble People precisely.

The best way to describe 'Noble People' is a mixture of benefactors, cheerleaders and supporters. Noble People are individuals who extend assistance, guidance, support or do you favours without asking for anything in return. They are also individuals who stand up for you against your detractors, and step in to lend a helping hand when you're in a spot of trouble, or when you need a leg up.

Noble People are in a sense, the opposite of Petty People. Indeed, in BaZi, one of the reasons why the Direct Resource Star is important is that it is said in the classics: Resource dissolves Sha 印化煞. This is because from an elemental standpoint, the Direct Resource Star is always represented by the element that weakens the 7 Killings Star.



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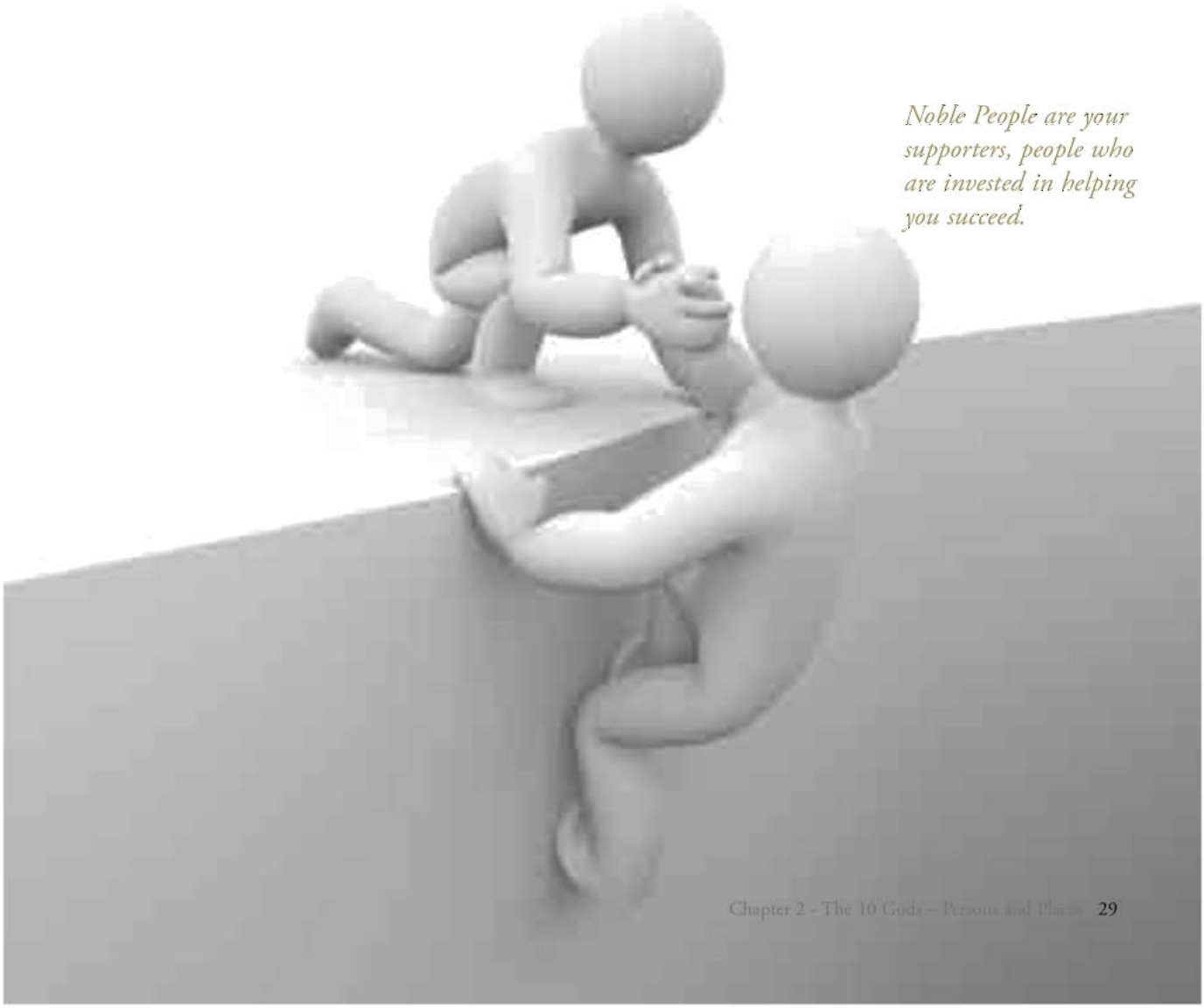
Example: The 7 Killings Star of Gui 癸 Water is Ji 己 Earth. Geng 庚 Metal is the Direct Resource Star for a Gui Water Day Master. Metal weakens Earth in the Five Elements Weakening Cycle.

What does Resource Dissolves Sha mean in plainspeak? Simply put, the activities of one's Noble People, represented by the Direct Resource Star, act to downplay the deeds of the Petty People, represented by the 7 Killings Star. Your supporters, cheerleaders and people who are invested in helping you succeed help you deal with the problems caused by your enemies, detractors and backbiters. That is why it is important to have the Direct Resource Star in one's chart, to serve as a bulwark against the effects of the 7 Killings Star.



Noble People are your supporters, people who are invested in helping you succeed.

The Direct Resource Star would also represent the following types of People:

- Teachers, both school-based and in a broader context of any person who provides guidance, education or assistance in learning or understanding a subject or an area of knowledge
- Religious teachers or teachers of alternative fields such as yoga but who do so in a formal setting such as a classroom
- Support staff within an organisation or individuals who play an important part in helping you get things done or keeping your atmosphere pleasant but who do not necessarily generate revenue with their job ie: secretaries, personal assistants, cleaners. Employees who have been in the organisation for many years and who know everything about the company but may not have a high rank will often fall within this category as well
- Kind-hearted people and good Samaritans

Resource Star represents the mother or maternal figures for a man.

Within the context of the family, the Direct Resource Star represents the mother or maternal figures for a man. The Indirect Resource Star is only used to reference the mother or maternal figures for a man if the Direct Resource Star is absent in the BaZi chart.

Persons & the Indirect Resource Star

偏印星

Indirect Resource Star

As the Indirect Resource Star is part of the Resource Element, the Indirect Resource Star too represents Noble People. However, like the 7 Killings Star, which represents a different 'type' of superior or boss, so the Indirect Resource Star represents a different 'type' of Noble Person. Broadly speaking, the Indirect Resource Star represents Noble People of a random and uncertain quality. What does this mean? It means that help, assistance or favours that are bestowed or offered to the person occur by chance or sometimes are just the result of sheer blind luck.

How we interpret random and uncertain quality Noble People depends in a sense on the individual's outlook. If one were to be optimistic, then the Indirect Resource Star could be said to be representing the class of Noble People that can be said to be akin to an invisible helping hand. They are kind souls, good Samaritans and nice people who make things happen for someone without the direct knowledge or direct request of the individual. If however we were to take a more pragmatic and pessimistic standpoint, then the Indirect Resource Star represents a Shylockian-variant of Noble People. They extent the pound of gold now but there may well be a request for the pound of flesh in the distant future.

The answer is probably somewhere in between – traditionally, Noble Person of the Direct Resource Star is preferred since this typically denotes a Noble Person who is reliable and who will most certainly be acting out of altruistic motivations or a genuine desire to assist or help. The problem with the Noble Person

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of the Indirect Resource Star is that very often, the assistance is potentially unreliable (after all, it could be a total stranger helping you and so why would they go the distance for you?) and the quality of the help is subjective. The person may aspire to be supremely helpful but prove to be not as helpful as they'd hoped or imagined!

The Indirect Resource Star represents the following types of People:

- Individuals engaged in spiritual practice extensively such as priests, monks, yogis, gurus, psychics and mediums.
- Individuals engaged in alternative health practices such as osteopaths, yoga teachers, martial arts teachers and practitioners
- Individuals engaged in alternative medical practices such as TCM practitioners, Ayurveda practitioners, herbalists
- Metaphysics practitioners such as BaZi consultants and Feng Shui consultants

Within the context of the family, the Indirect Resource Star represents the mother or maternal figures for a woman. If the Indirect Resource Star is absent in the chart, then the Direct Resource Star is used to reference the woman's mother or maternal figures in her life. For a man, the Indirect Resource Star usually represents a stepmother.

People & Direct Wealth Star

正財星

Direct Wealth Star

Broadly speaking, any individual whose job function or responsibility relates to matters of wealth within your home or office or personal life would be represented by the Direct Wealth Star. So your company accountant or perhaps the majordomo in your house who handles the household budget would be examples of persons represented by the Direct Wealth Star.

The Direct Wealth Star represents the following types of People:

- Bankers
- Accountants
- Wealth management experts
- Investment advisors
- Financial advisors
- Risk management expert

Within the context of family, the Direct Wealth Star represents a man's Spouse and in the absence of the Indirect Wealth Star, represents a man's father. For females, the Direct Wealth Star specifically represents the father but also includes paternal figures such as uncles, godfathers or guardians. Note however that the female's Spouse is represented by the Direct Officer Star, not the Direct Wealth Star.

偏財星

Indirect Wealth Star

People & the Indirect Wealth Star

The Indirect Wealth Star represents two specific classes of individuals: entrepreneurs and investors. Investors encompasses the whole gamut of individuals engaged in investments, from venture capitalists to private equity firm, and the entire spectrum of investors, from a small angel investor to the Warren Buffett-type heavyweight investor.

Within the context of family, traditionally the Indirect Wealth Star referred to a man's other wives or concubines, in contrast to the Direct Wealth Star, which references the first wife. Today, the Indirect Wealth Star represents a man's girlfriends (if he is single or if he is married, the Indirect Wealth Star can refer to former spouses or it can indicate an extra-marital relationship. It is important to be careful with the interpretation of the Indirect Wealth Star – it does not always reference an extra-marital relationship. Depending on the presentation of the Indirect Wealth Star in the chart, it may or may not represent an extra marital relationship.

People & the Rob Wealth Star

劫財星

Rob Wealth Star

The Rob Wealth Star represents three broad classes of persons: partners, rivals and individuals within your network.

Partners is used in a broad way here - in BaZi, it is used to reference entire spectrum of collaboration and cooperation, from business partnerships where money is involved to sharing the workload perhaps on a household chore or physical labour. If you and a third party decided to get together to build a treehouse for the children of the community, that third party would be a person represented by the Rob Wealth Star. Similarly, if you invest in a business and there are several other shareholders in that business (who are not known to you personally), those other shareholders would be persons represented by the Rob Wealth Star. Two individual professional tennis players who form a scratch pair to enter a doubles competition would be regarded as each other's Rob Wealth Star. If you join a sales team, your teammates would be referenced by the Rob Wealth Star.

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Rivals here is used in the context of competition of a friendly nature or competitive nature rather than the duel-to-the-death, straight out of an episode of *Gladiator*-type affair. It is important to separate rivals from enemies in the context of BaZi because they are represented by two different Stars – the Rob Wealth Star represents rivals whilst enemies are represented by the 7 Killings Star. If a rivalry, such as a business rivalry, turns cutthroat or an individual regards his or her competitors as 'the enemy' as opposed to 'the competition', then it is more akin to 7 Killings than Rob Wealth. But if it is simply friendly competition or even an intense competition that puts pressure on all the parties but ultimately ends up pushing everyone to do better, then it is represented by the Rob Wealth Star.

Think of the people who are on your speed-dial or in your Rolodex who help you get things done or who you can call upon for favours or help.

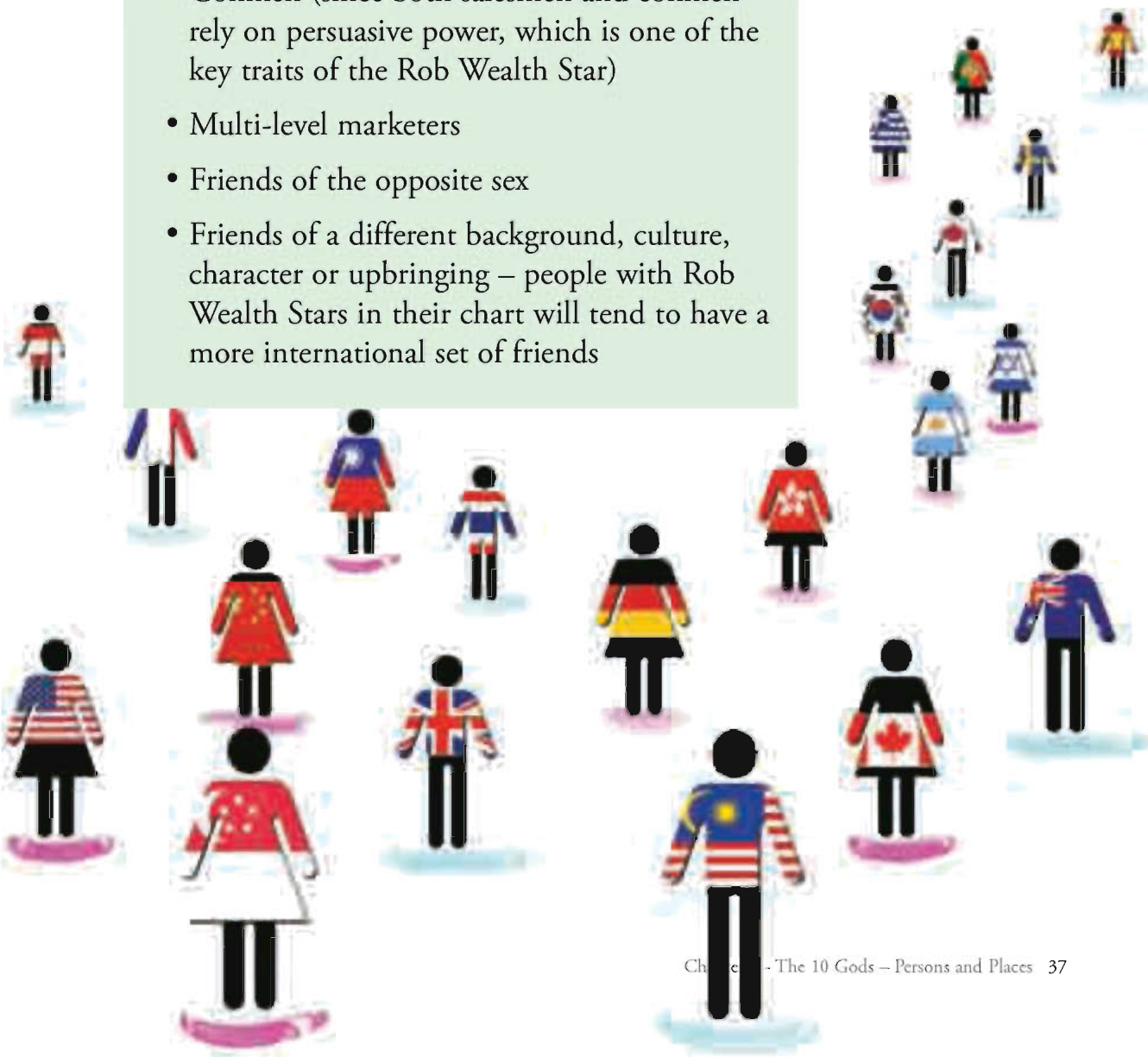
Finally, individuals within your network – essentially, people who are on your speed-dial or in your Rolodex who help you get things done or who you can call upon for favours or help. Your contacts, your connections, the strings that you can pull or the good friends who will extend you a favour – this class of individuals are also represented by the Rob Wealth Star.

The Rob Wealth Star is unique in that it can represent both friends and teammates as well as competition and rivals at the same time. For example, on a sales team, the individuals are all part of the same group, but yet, are competing against each other to secure more sales.

Where a chart only has Rob Wealth Stars, this indicates a person who does not truly have many like-minded friends - it suggests that the person's friends tend to be more diverse in nature, rather than being the same as the person from the context of background, cultural upbringing and character.

The Rob Wealth Star represents the following types of People:

- Salesmen
- Conmen (since both salesmen and conmen rely on persuasive power, which is one of the key traits of the Rob Wealth Star)
- Multi-level marketers
- Friends of the opposite sex
- Friends of a different background, culture, character or upbringing – people with Rob Wealth Stars in their chart will tend to have a more international set of friends



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Friend Star

People & the Friend Star

The Friend Star, like its name suggests, clearly references one's friends and acquaintances. It encompasses individuals who you know professionally and personally but crucially, who are of the **same rank or status or position** as you in life. Thus a co-worker who is in the same salary band or does the same job as you or has the same title as you as you would be represented by the Friend Star. But your boss will not be represented by the Friend Star, and this is even if you socialise outside of the office with each other.

It can be difficult to distinguish between when the Friend Star references a friend/acquaintance and when the Rob Wealth Star references a friend/acquaintance although admittedly, this is only a problem if you have both the Friend and Rob Wealth Stars in your chart. If you only have one of the two, then there is no confusion so to speak.

Typically, the Friend Star is used to reference more clannish, insular-type connections – this usually refers to friends who are from the same background as you, or perhaps come from the same state or part of town as you do. If you are a member of a society like the Rotary Club or the Freemasons, then your friends in those organisations would be referenced by the Friend Star since these types of associations are usually very clannish and cliquish. By contrast, the Rob Wealth Star would reference friends who are from a different background, either socially, economically or culturally. The Friend Star is also usually the reference point for friends of the same gender whilst the Rob Wealth Star references friends of the opposite gender.

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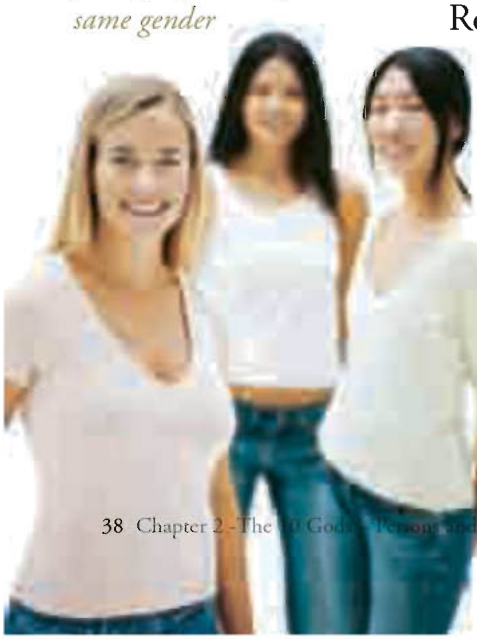

The Relevance of Places in BaZi

It may not seem to be immediately obvious why Places need to be referenced in BaZi. To appreciate the significance of knowing which Places are represented by the 10 Gods, it is important to have an idea of how BaZi is supposed to work. In the first book in the Destiny Code series, *The Destiny Code*, I alluded to how BaZi is about taking the right action. This has been a theme that I have emphasised consistently throughout the Destiny Code series.

Now, taking action is not just about doing something or not doing something. Nor is it as vague as merely asking you to take action sans details about what that action should be exactly. In BaZi, 'taking action' is an all-encompassing concept of *doing the right thing, at the right time, with the right person,* ***in the right place***.

For example, say your BaZi indicates that you will find support or assistance in the workplace (Place) for a particular problem or challenge and that you will find this assistance from a superior (Person) at work. This imparts a distinct precision to the solution and advice that is rendered and affords you with an exact answer as to what you need to do to solve your problem or at least, tackle the difficulty. Coupled with the understanding that you would have

gained about your personality and character, derived from *Enter the 10 Gods*, you will also be aware of your strengths and weaknesses, which will also provide insight into what you should or should not do in a given circumstance.

As you gain a greater understanding of the different references that each of the 10 Gods stand for, this will enhance the precision and accuracy of not just your analysis of your own BaZi chart and that of others, but also pave the way for you to understand how to develop and derive solutions to problems and challenges from the BaZi chart.

Places Represented by the 7 Killings Star

The 7 Killings Star is closely associated with dangerous, high-risk, high-octane and cutting edge activities. As such, places that create a sense of fear, thrill, excitement, adrenaline rush and controlled explosiveness would be represented by the 7 Killings Star. The following are examples of places represented by the 7 Killings Star:

- Football stadiums
- Sports stadiums
- Roller coasters
- Shooting ranges
- Hunting grounds
- Military training facilities
- Army bases
- War zones
- Conflict areas
- Red light districts
- Gangland territories
- F1 circuits
- Rock climbing gyms
- Operating theatres
- Weapons testing grounds

Shooting ranges

Sports stadiums

Roller coasters

Places Represented by the Hurting Officer Star

The Hurting Officer Star is the star of performance and the limelight. Thus, places that are the focal point of attention or where performances take place would be represented by the Hurting Officer Star. The place where people represented by the Hurting Officer Star work would also be classified as a Place represented by the Hurting Officer Star. The following are examples of places represented by the Hurting Officer Star:

- Theatres, cinemas, nightspots, clubs
- Circus
- Sports stadiums (where rock concerts take place)
- Jazz bar
- Sydney Opera House, Broadway in New York, Staples Center in LA
- Marketing department of an organisation

Theatres

Circus

Rock Concerts

Places Represented by the Direct Officer Star

The Direct Officer Star is associated with official government business as well as legal matters. Thus, all government departments and buildings and places where the business of government is conducted as well as courts of law, offices of lawyers and judges are represented by the Direct Officer Star. On a smaller scale, the office of your boss or the HQ of your organisation would examples of Places represented by the Direct Officer Star.

Places Represented by the Eating God Star

The Eating God Star is closely associated with ideas, artistic endeavours. This Star also is associated with places that have a timeless quality, a long history or a storied pedigree. Places that exemplify luxury, premium quality and classiness are also represented by the Eating God Star. The following are examples of places represented by the 7 Killings Star:

- Film sets, movie studios, music recording studio, dancing studio, sound studio
- The 7 Wonders of the World ie: Stonehenge, the Pyramids
- Museums and antique stores
- Auction houses like Sothebys and Christies
- Luxury departmental stores like Harrods, Galleries Lafayette
- Luxury boutiques like Hermes, Prada, Gucci
- Stores with Royal Warrants like Burberry, Harrods, Barbour

Music Recording Studio

Dance Studio

Pyramids

Places that are associated with fine dining and gastronomic experiences would also be regarded as places that are associated with the Eating God Star. Thus, Michelin Star restaurants would be regarded as places represented by the Eating God Star. As the Eating God star also has an element of eccentricity or uniqueness to it, it would also cover restaurants that serve unconventional food (molecular gastronomy restaurants like El Bulli in Spain for example). Restaurants that serve traditional cuisine or cuisine that is associated with the past (such as Imperial court cuisine in China, or an Italian restaurant that only serves traditionally made Italian pasta) would also be regarded as an Eating God place. Equally, a tiny 5-seater cubby hole with no signboard that sells the most amazing Ramen or beefball noodles in the world would be regarded as a place represented by the Eating God Star, since typically the chefs in such establishments deliberately chose to restrict the size of the restaurant to preserve their exceedingly high preparation standards.

Museums

Luxury Boutiques

Antique Stores

Places Represented by the Direct Resource Star

The Direct Resource Star is closely associated with knowledge and learning as well as well-being, relaxation and health. The following are examples of places represented by the Direct Resource Star:

- Hospitals and clinics
- Old folks homes
- Wellness centers
- Spas and retreats
- Reflexology centers
- Holiday and vacation spots
- Resorts
- Schools
- Universities
- Educational institutions and training centers
- Libraries

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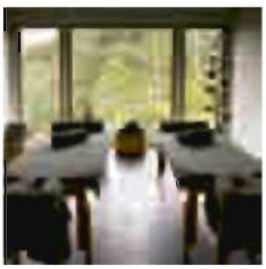

Spas and Retreats

Hospitals and Clinics

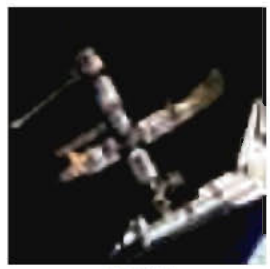
As the Direct Resource Star is also associated with charitable acts, places of charity such as welfare homes, the SPCA, or the headquarters of a charitable foundation would be regarded as places associated with the Direct Resource Star.

Places Represented by the Indirect Resource Star

The Indirect Resource Star is closely associated with alternative interest and practices, out-of-the-box and unconventional thinking and is also the Star most closely associated with the paranormal, mysterious and supernatural. The following are examples of places represented by the Indirect Resource Star:

- Meditation centers, healing rooms, offices of psychics
- Houses of worship
- Cemeteries and haunted houses
- Research and development centers
- Innovation centers
- Laboratories
- NASA
- Hubble telescope
- International Space Station (ISS)
- Los Almos National Laboratory

Meditation Centers


NASA

Espionage and intelligence agencies, organisations and departments (ie: the Central Intelligence Agency, National Security Agency, organisations like Moussad, CIA, MI6) would also fall under the Indirect Resource Star as well as this is the Star that is most closely associated with curiosity and suspicion!

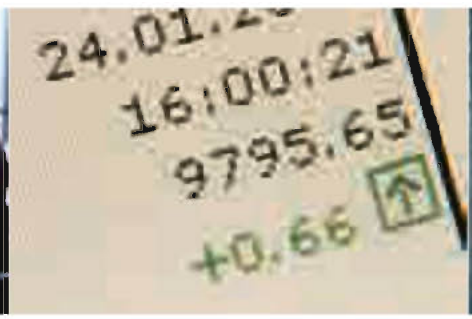
Laboratories

Places Represented by the Indirect Wealth Star

The Indirect Wealth Star is closely associated with entrepreneurialism, opportunism and fluctuating wealth or income. The following are examples of places represented by the Indirect Wealth Star:

- Trading rooms and floors
- Investment Banks
- Stock exchanges
- Currency exchanges
- Commodities exchanges
- Clearing houses for financial transactions
- Boardrooms
- Negotiation rooms
- Business centres
- Central business district (CBD)

Business Centres



Stock Exchanges

Trading Rooms

Places Represented by the Direct Wealth Star

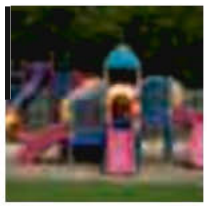
The Direct Wealth Star most closely relates to money and financial matters of a traditional and conservative nature. This is why traditional banks (as opposed to investment banks) do not fall within category of Indirect Wealth but fall within the Direct Wealth Star's purview. The following are examples of places represented by the Direct Wealth Star:

- ATMs
- Banks
- Accounting office
- Safe deposit boxes
- Vaults
- Cash till area within a retail store
- Financial districts

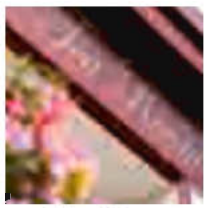
ATMs

Bank

Financial Offices


Playgrounds

Nightclubs


Tea House

Sports Stadiums

Saunas

Places Represented by the Rob Wealth Star

The Rob Wealth Star is most closely associated with making friends, social activities, competitive activities and places where activities involving teamwork take place. The following are examples of places represented by the Rob Wealth Star:

- Sports stadiums
- Saunas, locker room
- Members-only clubs
- Smoking or drinking lounges
- Nightclubs
- Networking parties
- Karaokes
- Spas (since in Asia, relationship building is often conducted in such places)
- Golf and sports clubs
- Bars, cafes, tea houses
- Restaurants
- Tree houses or playgrounds (since this would be the kind of place children would most likely meet their friends)

This is also the Star that relates to spending and retail therapy since in BaZi, the Rob Wealth Star is the Star that counters the Wealth Star. Thus, places where you spend money such as malls, shopping centres and even video game arcades would be regarded broadly as related to the Rob Wealth Star.

Places Represented by the Friend Star

Places where social and recreational activities involving friends and acquaintances would be encompassed by the Friend Star. Cafes, coffee bars, recreational clubs, professional associations, sports clubs, places to go clubbing, or a favourite bar or watering-hole, even a karaoke joint, would qualify as places represented by the Friend Star since these are places where we would interact, connect and meet with friends and acquaintances. Even the golf course, futsal court or tennis court would be regarded as places represented by the Friend Star since these are places where people typically would interact with each other for business or recreational reasons.

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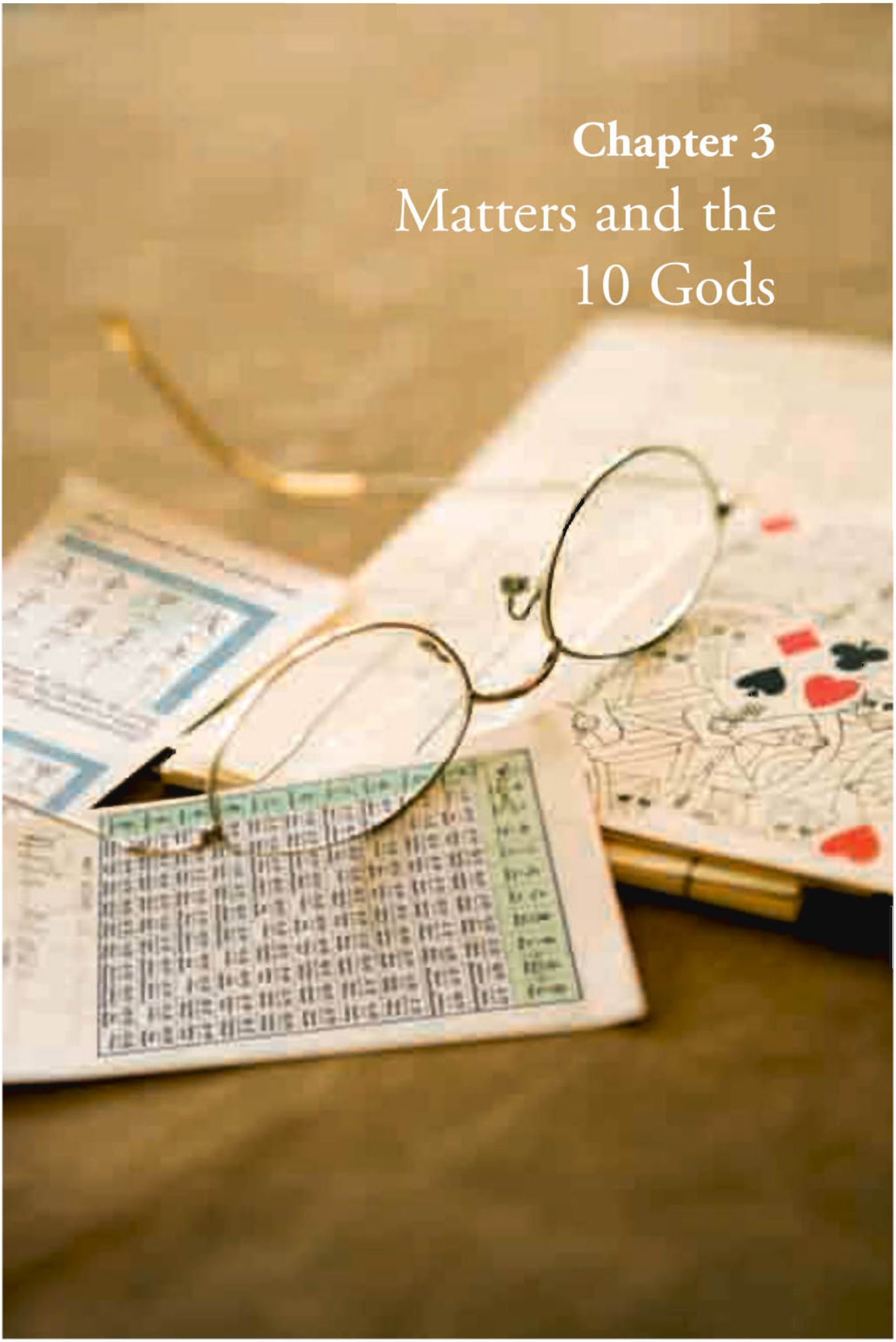
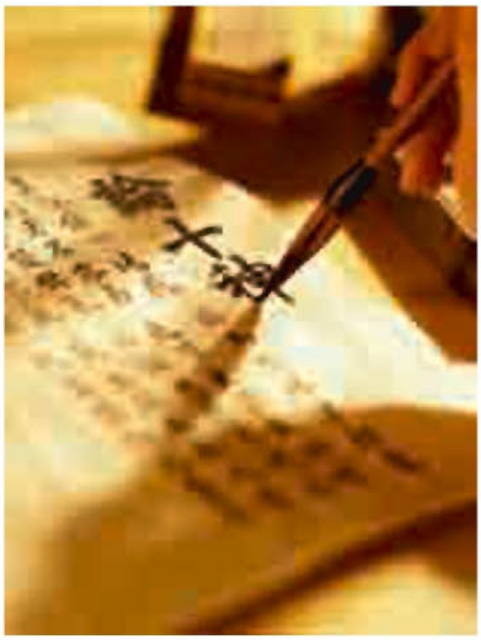


Chapter 3
Matters and the 10 Gods

In Chapter 2, we looked at the types of Persons and examples of Places that were connected to each of the 10 Gods. In this chapter, we are going to look at examples of Matters connect with the 10 Gods. The term 'Matters' here is used very loosely and essentially is used to encompass occurrences, circumstances, activities, issues, problems, challenges and concerns. It's a bit like the 'Subject' line in an email header.

As I have stated before in *Enter the 10 Gods*, the 10 Gods encompasses everything in the known and unknown universe as we know it. So realistically, it is not possible to give you an exhaustive list of all the matters that could possibly relate to a given 10 God. Whatever matters are listed in this Chapter have been selected because they represent the most identifiable type of matters associated with each of the 10 Gods. I have, where appropriate, included some off-kilter and exotic examples as well to give you a sense of the breadth of each 10 God's sphere of representation.

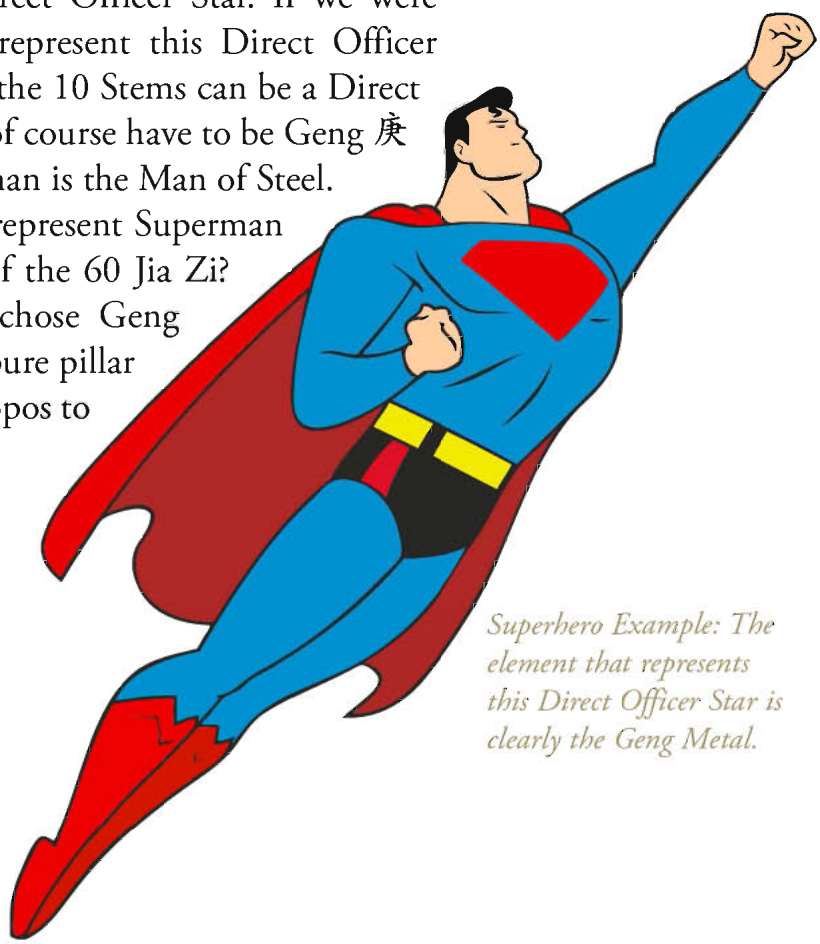


Technically, every matter can be classified as one of the 10 Gods, although in some instances, a mix of two 10 Gods may more accurately represent the matter in question. As stated in the previous chapter, being able to figure out which of the 10 Gods a particular matter (or person or place) falls within is a case of having both a good understanding of the fundamental qualities of each of the 10 Gods and strong analysis skills to be able to break down the subject, person or place in question and define its essence, before pairing it with the appropriate 10 God. Indeed, at the most advanced level, a matter, person or place isn't just connected to an appropriate 10 God. We can even extend the level of detail to which 10 Stem incarnation the particular 10 God assumes (ie: is it the Hurting Officer Star of the Gui Water variety or a Hurting Officer Star of the Jia Wood variety) or even represent it as one of the 60 Jia Zi.

Let's take a quick example to give you an idea of how the train of thought works at the advanced level of the 10 Gods. Take the example of the Burj Al Arab hotel in Dubai. The Burj is a luxury resort, being a six-star hotel. But because it is relatively new, it cannot really be classified as an Eating God Star since Eating God tends to denote classic luxury. The Burj is a hotel that was designed to be showy and opulent so it has a distinctly Hurting Officer quality to it. If you look at the building, it is shaped like a kite but as it is made

from steel and glass, so in that respect, it looks like a diamond from the distance. So we could say that it has not just a Hurting Officer quality, but is clearly Xin Metal in its nature and very state of being. Further, Xin 辛 Metal is clearly associated with luxury and a certain ostentatious classiness – it is the most 'showy' of all the 10 Day Masters. Now, the Burj Al Arab was constructed on an artificial peninsular but has been constructed in such a way to create the optical illusion of the hotel floating on top of the water. If we were to look at the 60 Jia Zi, the pillar of 'Xin Hai' 辛亥 most closely associates with this image.

Let's take a simpler example: Superman. Superman is a hero, so very clearly, he would be most closely associated with the Direct Officer Star. If we were to pick a element to represent this Direct Officer (remember, any one of the 10 Stems can be a Direct Officer Star), it would of course have to be Geng 庚 Metal. After all, Superman is the Man of Steel. What if we wanted to represent Superman in the context of one of the 60 Jia Zi? Obviously, we would chose Geng Shen 庚申 as that is a pure pillar of Metal, and thus, apropos to the Man of Steel.



Superhero Example: The element that represents this Direct Officer Star is clearly the Geng Metal.

Now, the danger when students become aware that the 10 Gods can be wielded in this way is that they start to decide they have a license to get 'creative' in interpreting matters. Particularly if you have a lot of Indirect Resource in your chart, there is a tendency to get 'creative' in this manner – sometimes those hunches could be right but they could also be way off the mark.

I want to make it clear that there is nothing random about the way a matter, person, place or object is connected to a particular 10 God. It is rooted in analysis or logical reasoning, all of which must be supported and backed-up by a clear elemental rationale. You cannot just 'decide' that your pet dog will be represented by the Direct Wealth Star because in your life, that is the most precious thing in the world or you're somehow married to your dog and so it is akin to your Spouse (if you are a man).

As such, my suggestion is to stick to examples given here and not get too creative or clever for now. Until you have a greater sense of the essence of each of the 10 Gods, and are able to wield the 10 Gods with the additional filter of the 10 Stems, do not try to get adventurous or creative. In any case, the examples given to you here should broadly speaking cover most of the common matters that will arise on a day-to-day basis for the average person and so should be more than sufficient for analysis and interpretation purposes.

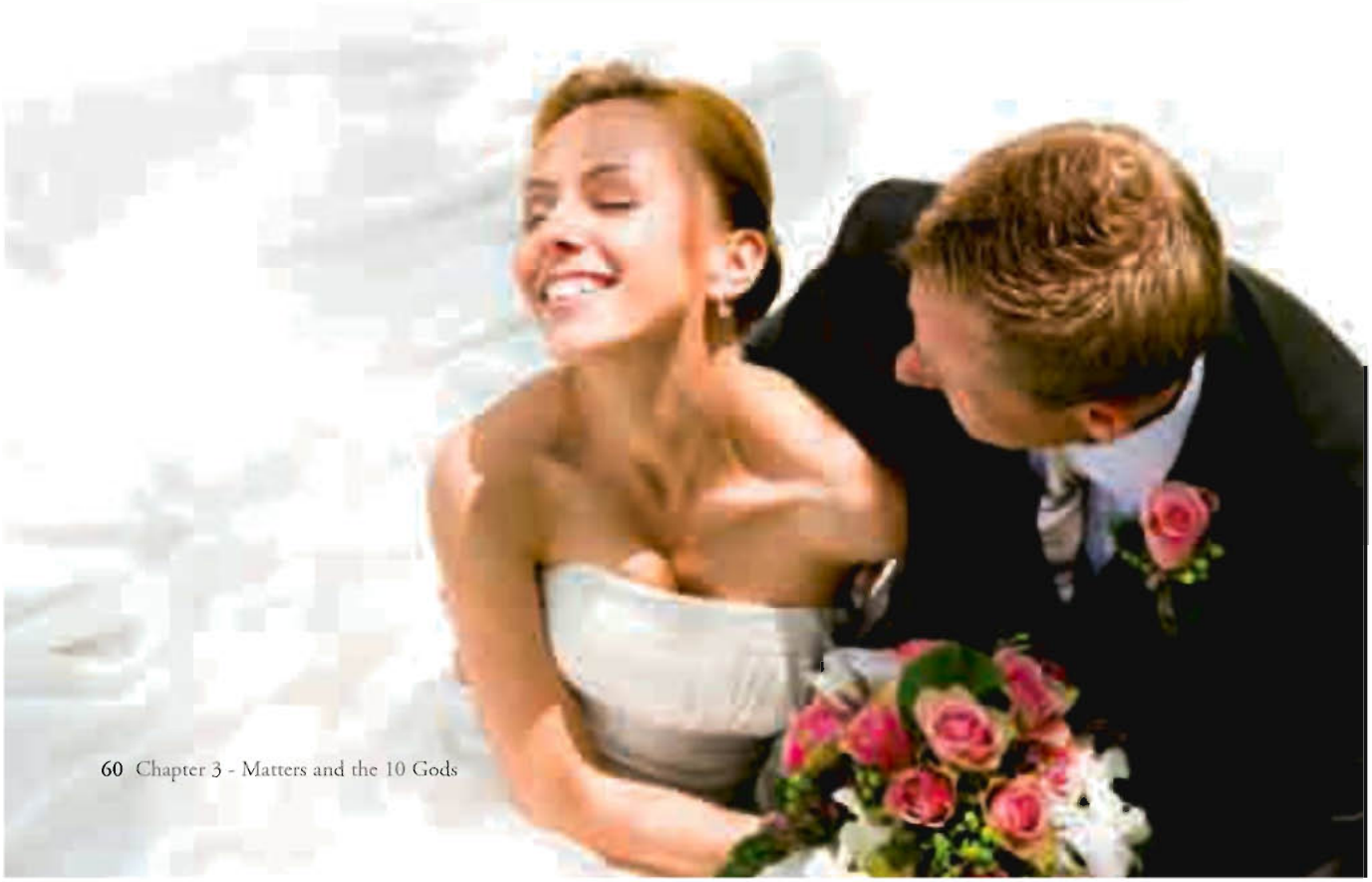
Matters & the Direct Officer Star

The Direct Officer Star relates to all matters related to law and order, governance, administration, justice, official approval but also reputation, status, authority, leadership and power.

Examples of matters that relate to the Direct Officer Star include the following:

- Broadly, employment and career matters are partly governed by the Direct Officer Star.
- Career advancement matters ie: promotion, demotion, new job opportunities, job prospects for fresh graduates
- Capacity for self-employment – the Direct Officer Star represents clients for self-employed persons
- Matters relating to your authority, power and leadership ie: loss of authority, being given new authority and power, leadership challenges
- Matters relating to one's superiors and bosses
- Government-related administrative matters ie: applying for a driver's license, planning approval, tax exemption application, PR application, business license application and approval
- Job-related administrative matters ie: approval of transfer application, approval of leave

- Law and order-related matters ie: applying for probate, sale and purchase of property, wills, resolution to legal problems
- Any matters involving lawyers or the legal system ie: lawsuit
- Reputation-related matters ie: receiving awards, being given honourary titles, being granted an honourary doctorate, being defamed, being stripped of titles and honorifics, being caught engaging in activities that result in your reputation being affected such as extra marital affairs. Anything that relates to your 'personal brand' as it were.
- Marriage, relationship and spouse-related matters for a woman
- Matters related to a woman's husband
- Matters relating to a man's female offspring



Matters & the 7 Killings Star

You will recall from *Enter the Ten Gods* and Chapter 2 that the 7 Killings Star connects with aggressive, high-risk activities and underhand, strong-arm tactics but also represents petty people. As such, the 7 Killings Star is usually referenced for matters that involve aggression, violence, high-risk activities or matters which are often instigated or are the result of the actions of petty people or matters which involve or are the result of underhand and strong arm tactics.

Examples of matters that relate to the 7 Killings Star include the following:

- Engaging in or being on the receiving end of frivolous, harassing or vengeful actions, particularly legal action such as lawsuits
- Washing dirty linen in public or being the subject matter of dirty linen being washed in public
- Being on the receiving end of scurrilous rumours or rumour-mongering or being the source of scurrilous rumours or rumour-mongering
- Being backstabbed or played out or doing the same to others
- Plotting and scheming, using underhand tactics or being the recipient of underhand tactics
- Illegal activities or contraband activities
- Irritating, inconvenient or vexatious problems related to rules and regulations such as parking or speeding tickets

- Being intimidated, stalked or beaten up
- Scandal and gossip
- Matters caused by behaving impulsively or out of control
- Matters involving a high risk, high returns type strategy or approach, go-for-broke related situations or opportunities
- Matters resulting from or resulting in violence (physical and mental)
- Dangerous or harmful or physically extreme situations
- High-adrenaline, thrill-seeking or high-octane activities such as bungee jumping, paragliding, roller coaster rides and go-karting
- Matters related to male offspring (for males only)

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Matters & the Hurting Officer Star

The Hurting Officer Star's quality as the performance Star means that it governs all matters involving an opportunity to make or leave an impression. It chiefly represents situations and matters where you have to perform, show-off, demonstrate your talent, debate, argue, justify, persuade, create, problem-solve, firefight or inform or activities that involve speaking, talking, discussing, brainstorming and negotiating.

Examples of matters that relate to the Hurting Officer Star include the following:

- Presentations ie: business presentation, sales presentation
- Pitching ideas or pitching for business
- Public debates ie: Presidential candidates debate, political debate
- Matters related to creative activities ie: brainstorming, idea generation, problem solving sessions at the office
- Public speaking or giving a speech at a function
- Matters related to artistic activities ie: office karaoke competition, logo design competition
- Protests and demonstrations
- Anti-establishment activities
- Any situation or matter which involves going against the established order
- Breaking the law to prove a principle or a point

- Expression opinions or viewpoints
- Human Resource related matters specifically the recruitment of marketeers or idea people and communicators in the organisation
- Matters involving or relating to staff and employees ie: staff problems, rebellion or office mutiny involving staff, difficulty finding staff, difficulty retaining staff
- Child-related matters, specifically male children, for a woman only

Matters & the Eating God Star

Examples of matters that relate to the Eating God Star include the following:

- Ideas, talent, creativity ie: creative problems and challenges, writer's block, idea drought
- Internal thoughts such as ideals, dislikes, feelings, desires, dreams
- Luxury, high-class, high-end, premium and premier places, objects, items, desires, aspirations ie: stamp collections, rare coin collections, antique collection, art collections
- Luxury goods
- Behind the scenes-related actions or activities or opportunities

One of the examples of matters that relate to the Eating God Star is food shopping, eating at Michelin star restaurants

- Matters requiring or involving long-tail strategies or strategic thinking or approaches
- Matters requiring solitude or privacy ie: journal writing, going on retreat
- Bespoke experiences ie: luxury vacations, one-of-a-kind clothing or objects
- Gourmet experiences ie: food shopping, eating at Michelin star restaurants
- Staffing related matters, specifically staff engaged in strategic endeavours or supervising long-term projects
- Human Resource related matters specifically the recruitment of strategists or thinkers or creative and innovator types in the organisation
- Training, re-organisation or restructuring of company employees
- Matters related to female offspring but this is only applicable to women

Matters & the Direct Resource Star

The Direct Resource Star is the most 'touchy-feely' Star of all the 10 Stars. This Star represents matters which are difficult to assign a numeral or quantity value – the emotional and mental intangibles is what it typically represents.

Examples of matters that relate to the Direct Resource Star include the following:

- Knowledge, self-cultivation, self-empowerment, personal improvement ie: attending motivational talks, going on health retreats
- Education ie: taking up a new hobby, going for an MBA, taking up a Masters or Doctorate level study
- Certification ie: Six Sigma for the individual, ISO 9000 for a business
- Documentation ie: identity card, driver's licence, library card, passport, air ticket or in the case of a business, business licence, company registration
- Invoices, accounts, payment orders (in a business)
- Official correspondence and documents
- Personal documents
- Quality of life
- Comfort level – physical and mental health
- Physical check-ups, going to see the doctor
- Vacations, holidays, time-off
- Matters relating to gaining new experiences, pleasure, leisure, enjoyment

- Fun!
- Retirement
- Bumming on the beach
- Sense of pride
- Personal sensitivity levels
- Goodwill from those around you or for a business, in the brand name or company's name
- Recommendations from people of your abilities and skills, testimonials of your character

Since Direct Resource represents your reputation (both as perceived by you and others), matters that involve your professional or formal reputation would automatically be governed by the Direct Resource Star. So for example, a job performance evaluation or your performance records at your place of work would relate to the Direct Resource Star. It also represents the sense of responsibility and obligation a person has towards their job and colleagues, as well as a person's level of pride in their work.

Good job: Direct Resource Star represents a person's sense of pride at work.

Matters & the Indirect Resource Star

The Indirect Resource Star is deeply connected to things alternative, paranormal, mysterious, metaphysical or unconventional, as well as related to feelings and thoughts. So matters that are represented by the Indirect Resource Star would have these qualities or attributes associated with them.

Examples of matters that relate to the Indirect Resource Star include the following:

- Unconventional or alternative practices, interests or hobbies ie: crystal healing, animal communication, aromatherapy, Reiki, Feng Shui, BaZi
- Paranormal activities
- Unconventional research or thinking – unconventional here may mean ahead of its time rather than cutting edge. For example, the science of astronomy was once considered a superstition rather than a science.
- Preliminary or basic science research
- Unorthodox products and ideas
- Big picture or back-of-the-napkin ideas and concepts
- Life experiences/school of hard-knocks knowledge
- Experiential knowledge
- Informal knowledge acquired through on the job experience rather than formal study at a school or through a course
- Intuition

- Gossip or information obtained from the 'grapevine'
- Instinctive or intuitive decisions or opinions, similar to those described in Malcolm Gladwell's book 'Blink'
- Feel good feelings
- Gut feelings and hunches
- Déjà vu related feelings or circumstances
- Field experiences
- Personal observations
- Intangible resources of a company such as goodwill
- Intangible reputation-related matters such as word of mouth reputation or a general sense of trust in the company and its products or services
- Sentiment and feelings of the employees in the organisation
- Psychological state and health ie: hypochondria, feelings of paranoia
- Matters related to a woman's mother ie: relationship with mother

Matters & the Direct Wealth Star

The Direct Wealth Star most closely relates to financial or money matters, or matters related to wealth, income and property.

Examples of matters that relate to the Direct Wealth Star include the following:

- Income of a steady, consistent nature ie: dividends, interest payments, rental, trust fund allowance
- Income from a salary
- Chattels and assets owned/possessed ie: home, bonds, stocks, livestock, product
- Asset acquisition or investment opportunities with a long horizon ie: 5-10 years
- Business opportunities, specifically those that involve very steady, consistent income such as petrol stations, grocery stores, 7-11 stores, stationary shops, franchises
- The family home
- Marriage, relationship and spouse-related matters for a man only
- Matters related to a woman's father (and in the absence of the Indirect Wealth Star, matters related to a man's father)

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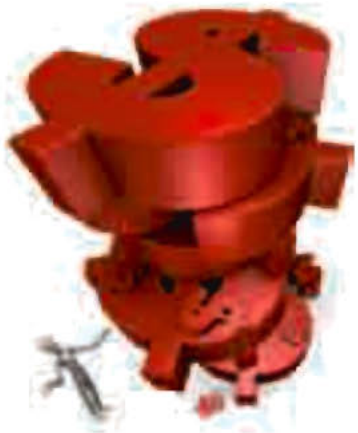
Matters & the Indirect Wealth Star

The Indirect Wealth Star is also referenced, often in tandem with the Direct Wealth Star, to financial or money matters, or matters related to wealth, income, investment and property.

Examples of matters that relate to the Indirect Wealth Star include the following:

- Speculative income ie: bonus, performance-related financial incentives, inheritance
- Speculative investment-related matters and opportunities ie: property speculation, windfall gains, shorting stocks, options trading
- Currency, commodities, stocks and futures trading
- Stock-market related matters
- Deal-making opportunities
- Matters related to starting a new business or buying a business
- Wealth creation (as distinguished from merely earning money, which is Direct Wealth related)
- Business opportunities
- Taking a company public
- Instances requiring bribery or under the table money
- Instances of receiving bribery or illegal monies



- Criminal Breach of Trust, corrupt dealings
- Shady deals ie: Ponzi schemes
- Illicit or borderline illegal activities ie: smuggling cigarettes, dealing in contraband, DVD piracy, phishing scams
- Money laundering
- Investors or opportunities to gain new investors into a business
- Venture capital finance or funding
- Other People's Money (OPM)
- Gifts or unexpected financial benefits
- Matters related to a man's father
- Matters related to a man's girlfriend, ex-wife or mistress

Matters & the Rob Wealth Star

The Rob Wealth Star closely relates to competitors, rivals, friends and social circles and matters related to those persons and issues. The Rob Wealth Star always Clashes with the Direct Wealth Star (although in some instances, there can also be a Combination with the Direct Wealth). Accordingly, the Rob Wealth Star is referenced with regards loss of wealth-related matters.

Examples of matters that relate to the Rob Wealth Star include the following:

- Loss of wealth matters or occurrences ie: bad investments, being mugged, misplacing important personal items of value, excessive retail therapy
- Personal expenses ie: medical bills, paying legal fees, paying fines, home repairs, insurance premium payments
- Opportunities for partnership, collaboration, cooperation
- Joint venture business opportunities
- Networking-related matters
- Parties, social activities
- Team work or team-based situations
- Matters related to increase, intensified, heightened competition at work
- Matters related to rivalry and opposition
- Matters caused by envy
- Matters caused by being over-competitive
- Matters related to siblings, particularly siblings of the opposite gender
- Third party problems in personal relationships for both males and females

Matters & the Friend Star

The Friend Star represents more abstract and intangible matters than the other 9 Stars. This is the Star that is most closely connected to the person's inner self, as it is an extension of the Day Master.

Examples of matters that relate to the Friend Star include the following:

- Personal identity, identity issues, identity concerns
- Dreams, fantasies, needs and wants
- Secrets and fears
- Sibling relationship-related matters (typically with siblings of the same gender but in the absence of the Rob Wealth Star, all siblings)
- Kin and clan-related matters
- Gossip exchanged between friends
- New friendships/gaining new acquaintances
- Will power
- Mental strength
- Self-belief
- Personal beliefs
- Self-esteem
- Self-worth

Chapter 4
Favourable and Unfavourable Elements Revisited

Students of BaZi often wonder why it is that the same subjects – the Five Elements, the Favourable and Unfavourable Elements, the 10 Stems – keep cropping up, even at intermediate and advanced levels of study. This is bacause the basics invariably suddenly yield new amounts of information when viewed with the additional information and knowledge garnered from understanding more advanced ideas. Indeed, for the next few books in the *Power of X* series, you'll find that we keep going back to the subject of the 10 Gods repeatedly!

The study of Metaphysics is in many respects about taking two steps forward, in order to take one step backward. Very often, when confronted with a difficult problem in Feng Shui or perhaps a chart that seems to throw one off in BaZi, the rule of thumb is to go **BACK TO BASICS**. Return to the original simplified lines of inquiry and avoid being distracted by the bells and whistles or confused by the apparent lack of conformity in what is seen in the chart or landform.

In this chapter, we are going to revisit the topic of Favourable and Unfavourable Elements. If you have been following the Destiny Code series, this subject was addressed in Chapter Six of *The Destiny Code*. In that chapter, I also explained how to determine the Favourable and Unfavourable Elements of a given BaZi chart, based on the Strength of the Day Master. So you should know the Favourable and Unfavourable Elements

of your BaZi chart and be able to ascertain the Favourable and Unfavourable Elements of a given chart, based on the Strength of the Day Master. You should also be able to define those Favourable and Unfavourable Elements within the context of the Five Factors of Output, Wealth, Resource, Influence and Companion Elements.

The following diagram affords a quick recap of the fundamental principle for determining the Favourable and Unfavourable Elements:

Strong Day Master

Favours	I Control (Wealth Element) Controls Me (Influence Element) I Produce (Output Element)
Dislikes	Same as Me (Companion Element) Produces Me (Resource Element)

Weak Day Master

Favours	Same as Me (Companion Element) Produces Me (Resource Element)
Dislikes	I Control (Wealth Element) Controls Me (Influence Element) I Produce (Output Element)

Accordingly, the Strong Day Master favours the Output, Wealth and Influence Elements and does not favour the Resource and Companion Elements. The Weak Day Master favours the Resource and Companion Elements and does not favour the Output, Wealth and Influence Elements.

Now, it is not enough to know that your Day Master favours the Output, Wealth and Influence Elements and does not favour the Resource and Companion Elements but then be clueless as to which of the Five Elements (and 10 Stems) represent each of these Five Factors. So take a minute right now to note down what are your personal Day Master's Favourable and Unfavourable Elements and the specific 10 Stems that co-relate to those Five factors, using the table below:

My Day Master is STRONG/WEAK	
My Day Master Favours	
My Day Master Dislikes	

For ease of reference, I have provided a cheat-sheet for all the 10 Day Masters.

STRONG 庚 GENG METAL

Favours	Wealth Element Output Element Influence Element	甲 (Indirect Wealth) 乙 (Direct Wealth) 壬 (Eating God) 癸 (Hurting Officer) 丙 (7 Killings) 丁 (Direct Officer)
Dislikes	Resource Element Companion Element	戊 (Indirect Resource) 己 (Direct Resource) 庚 (Friend) 辛 (Rob Wealth)

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WEAK 庚 GENG METAL

Favours	Resource Element Companion Element	戊 (Indirect Resource) 己 (Direct Resource) 庚 (Friend) 辛 (Rob Wealth)
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WEAK 辛 XIN METAL

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STRONG 壬 REN WATER

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Favours	Resource Element Companion Element	庚 (Indirect Resource) 辛 (Direct Resource) 壬 (Friend) 癸 (Rob Wealth)
Dislikes	Wealth Element Output Element Influence Element	丙 (Indirect Wealth) 丁 (Direct Wealth) 甲 (Eating God) 乙 (Hurting Officer) 戊 (7 Killings) 己 (Direct Officer)

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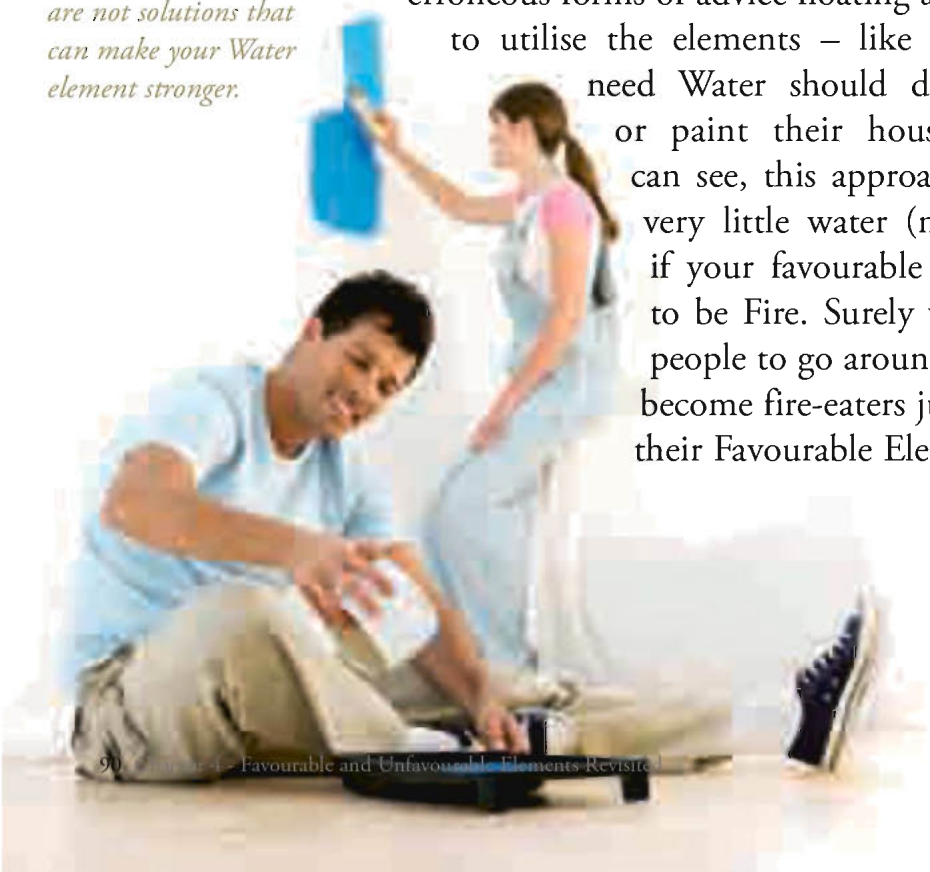
RE-UNDERSTANDING FAVOURABLE AND UNFAVOURABLE ELEMENTS

When you derived your personal Favourable and Unfavourable Elements for the first time, perhaps after reading *The Destiny Code*, you may have been stumped as to quite how to make use of the information. Knowing that say, Fire, was your Favourable Element would probably have not made you any the wiser by way of how this information or element was going to help you improve your life or achieve your goals and dreams in life. You may perhaps have understood that you needed to be in a Fire-related industry but if you don't know what industries relate to the element of Fire, you are back at square one again!

The principle of Favourable and Unfavourable Elements has been the source of some of the most frivolous theories and ideas on how to apply BaZi in life. It probably is responsible for some of the highly erroneous forms of advice floating around about how to utilise the elements – like how people who need Water should drink more water or paint their house blue. As you can see, this approach to BaZi holds very little water (no pun intended) if your favourable element happens to be Fire. Surely we do not expect people to go around learning how to become fire-eaters just because that is their Favourable Element?

Drinking more water or painting your walls blue are not solutions that can make your Water element stronger.



Granted, in some instances, some of the solutions are not erroneous or entirely incorrect. A person whose chart needs Water for example would probably benefit from doing water sports or activities that take place in water such as swimming, although drinking more water is clearly not a logical extension of that idea. It also happens to be very dangerous – there is such a thing as hyper-hydration or water intoxication.

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The element of Water happens to be a convenient and very obvious example and so it's easy to come up with ways in which to apply the element to your life. Extending this line of thinking to the other elements (Metal, Earth, Fire and Wood) is not so easy and prone to creating absurd outcomes like eating fire or living in a stone house or filling your home with wooden furniture. Metaphysics is not mumbo-jumbo and it is not an 'anything goes' and 'use your imagination' type field. It is a logical, rational subject and if something doesn't make sense, I certainly recommend questioning the suggestion.

Deriving one's personal Favourable and Unfavourable Elements is only really valuable and effective once you have understood what the individual elements (Fire, Water, Metal, Earth, Wood) represent IN YOUR LIFE. Only if you know what these elements represent in the form of the objects, people, places and matters in your life, and in the context of action, attitude and activities, can you know how to then utilise your Favourable Elements and avoid your Unfavourable Elements.

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yong
USE
To Apply
To Do

Now, we need to take a brief detour into the subject matter of what is meant by 'utilising' an Element. The concept of 'utilising' an element or 'using' an element derived from the Chinese word '*yong*' 用 which means 'use'. We all understand what the word 'use' fundamentally means but it becomes less obvious when the metaphysical context is applied. As I said before – how do you 'use' Fire? Or 'use' Water? Or 'use' Earth?

The key is to tackling this is twofold: firstly, rid yourself of the assumption that the Elements are **necessarily** a reference to the actual physical elements of Wood, Fire, Water, Earth and Metal. Whilst the Elements can be a reference to the actual physical elements, remember that they also represent the Five Factors and also can be further broken down into Yin and Yang variants and accordingly represent the 10 Gods. Since the concept of 'use' extends beyond the element itself, by logical extension, using the element involves more sophistication than just wearing the element physically (which is not always possible), having the element present in vast quantities in one's personal space (again, not practical) or by associating with individuals who have the Favourable Element as their Day Master (highly simplistic but not entirely without substance).

Secondly, you need to appreciate that the term 'use' 用 (yong) should not be applied literally. In the BaZi texts, the presence of this term can actually refer to a Balancing Element or an Element that the chart is heavily reliant upon or dependant upon in order for the Day Master to be effective. The term 'use' 用 (yong) significantly appears in this particular saying

in Chinese Metaphysics:"先天爲體，後天爲用". Translated, it states "Early Heaven is the body, Later Heaven is the Application." It is in the second half of the saying that we can derive the correct approach to 'using' one's favourable Elements.

先天為體，後天為用

Early Heaven is the body, Later Heaven is the Application

The use of the term 'Application' in the saying means the word 'use' 用 (yong) as it appears in the saying is meant to be a call to action. It is telling us in effect that 'use' is all about action, which is what Man can control and which is within Man's control.

Each of the Five Elements breaks down into two Yin and Yang variants, giving rise to two Stars, totalling 10 Stars for the Five Elements. Each of the 10 Stars references personality traits, quirks and attributes but as you have learned in Chapters 2 and 3 of this book, also references People, Places and Matters.

Thus, making greater use of a particular Star (which essentially is making 'use' of an Element) simply means doing more of the action that is associated with that Star. Or making more use of the traits, attributes and characteristics associated with that Star. Or interacting or working together more frequently with the people or class of individuals who are represented by that Star. By contrast, making less use of an Element because it is Unfavourable simply means avoiding or doing less of the action that is associated with the Stars that comprise of the Unfavourable Element, making less use of the traits, attributes and characteristics associated with the Star and reducing your reliance or interaction with people or the class of individuals represented by the Stars that are derived from your Unfavourable Element.

Earth

Wood

Fire

Metal

Water

HOW TO USE THE FAVOURABLE ELEMENT

In the previous section, I have explained to you the theory behind 'using' an Element. Now we're going to look at some very specific examples so that you get the hang of how to 'use' your Favourable Elements.

Before we get into the examples, a word on the approach and mindset. First and foremost, it is time to think of the Five Elements in the context of the Five Factors (Wealth, Output, Influence, Resource, Companion) rather than as the simple Five Elements. So when you are looking at the element of Fire for example, don't think of it as just Fire. Think of Fire as one of the Five Factors, as determined by the Day Master. Secondly, get used to thinking in specifics – for example, if the Favourable Element is Water, always remember that Water can be in the form of Gui 癸 Water or Ren 壬 Water. Thirdly and perhaps most importantly, think in terms of the 10 Gods. You need to be able to quickly associate a specific Stem (ie: Gui Water, Xin 辛 Metal, Geng 庚 Metal, Jia 甲 Wood) with the relevant 10 Gods that it represents to the Day Master in question.

The easiest way in which to make use of an element is to incorporate it into your day-to-day life. For starters, taking a job in an industry that co-relates with one of your Favourable Elements is a good way to make use of your Favourable Elements on a daily basis. With people and places, this can be difficult since you may want to see someone every day but they may not want to see you! Similarly, going to certain places

may just not be feasible for everyone on a daily basis. Thus, matters, activities and personal characteristics are the easiest methods in which to incorporate a particular element into your life, after ensuring you are working in the right industry. Specifically with regards character attributes, we want to utilise the positive attributes related to each of the Elements as much as possible.

Depending on the strength of the Day Master, the Favourable Elements can be any of the Five Factors. In the following section, I will explain how each of the Five Factors (Resource, Wealth, Influence, Companion, Output) is to be utilised should it be one of the Favourable Elements. To keep the explanation grounded, I have used a specific Day Master for each example. **However, each of the explanations and illustrations on how to utilise a particular Five Factor as a Favourable Element is applicable to ALL the 10 Day Masters.** In other words, although the example references say, a weak Ren Water Day Master using the Resource Element, the illustration of how to utilise the Resource Element is applicable to ***any*** weak Day Master.

Let's take the example of a strong Ren 壬 Water Day Master and work through the approach outlined above.

To qualify as a strong Ren Water Day Master, it would have to be Ren Water born in either the Pig 亥 (Hai), Rat 子 (Zi) or Ox 丑 (Chou) months or Ren Water born in either Monkey 申 (Shen), Rooster 酉 (You) or Dog 戌 (Xu) as Autumn is considered the secondary support season for Water.

時 Hour	日 Day	月 Month			年 Year	
	日元 DM 壬 Ren Yang Water					天干 Heavenly Stems
		亥 Hai Pig - Water	子 Zi Rat + Water	丑 Chou Ox - Earth		地支 Earthly Branches
						藏干 Hidden Stems

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	日元 DM 壬 Ren Yang Water					天干 Heavenly Stems
		申 Shen Monkey + Metal	酉 You Rooster - Metal	戌 Xu Dog + Earth		地支 Earthly Branches
						藏干 Hidden Stems

Strong Day Masters favour the Wealth, Output and Influence Elements and dislike the Resource and Companion Elements. For a Ren Water Day Master, the Wealth Element is represented by Fire, the Output Element is represented by Wood and the Influence Element is represented by Earth. The Resource Element is represented by Metal and the Companion Element is represented by Water.

Now, it is time to think of Fire in the context of the Five Factors and the 10 Gods. Start by putting together all the information first. We know that Fire is the Wealth Element of Ren Water. We also know that Fire comprises of Bing Fire and Ding Fire. Finally, we know that Bing Fire represents the Indirect Wealth Star and Ding Fire represents the Direct Wealth Star.

So, let's now think of all the references from *Enter the 10 Gods* as well as Chapters 2 and 3 that we have discussed to date that relate to the Direct Wealth Star and Indirect Wealth Star, namely, personal traits and characteristics, people, places and matters. Here's a quick abbreviated list:

Direct Wealth Star

Characteristics	People	Places	Matters
Hard-working, responsible	Wife (assuming this is a man) or Father (assuming it is a woman)	Place of work ie: office	Salary and long-term investments, rental income
Conservative, cautious	Accountant/ Banker/Financial Advisor/ Chief Financial Officer	Bank, vault, place where money is stored	Banking, personal accounts
Prudent, pragmatic	Individuals involved in handling your personal money or money within your organisation	Central Business District	Tangible assets, established and conventional assets ie: bonds
Rigidity of approach, orthodoxy, structure and hierarchy			Matters related to a man's wife or a woman's father
Principled, unemotional about matters			Obligations, personal responsibilities, matters which are urgent or which are pressing, matters that are within your control

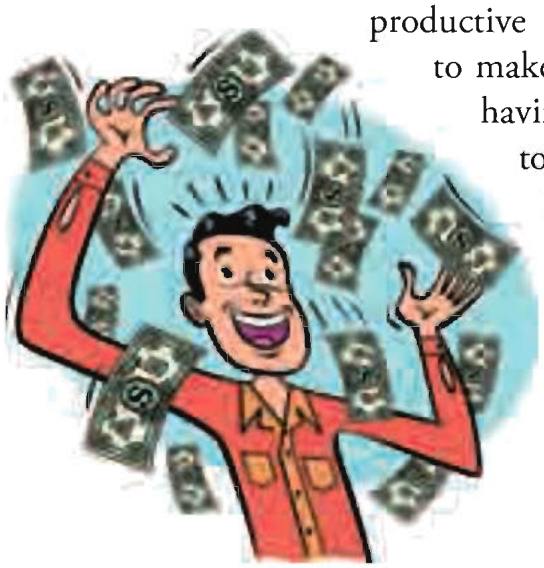
Indirect Wealth Star

Characteristics	People	Places	Matters
Entrepreneurial, hustler, deal-maker	Father (assuming it is a Woman) or girlfriend (assuming it is a man)	Entrepreneurs park, start-up incubator, Silicon Valley, places where businesses tend to gravitate, garage where business starts	Short-term investments, speculative investments, intangible assets, leveraged investments
Opportunistic, eye for money-making	Entrepreneurs, businessmen	Stock Exchange, currency exchange, commodities exchange, futures exchange	Unexpected income ie: inheritance, gifts
Penny-wise pound foolish	Venture capitalists, investors		Business ventures, entrepreneurial ventures and efforts, money-making ideas
Flamboyant, generous with money	Stockbrokers, traders		Unconventional assets or investments ie: wine investing, watch collection, stamp collection, rare coin collection, CDOs
Quick thinking			Passion projects, endeavours in which the person has a great deal of interest or even obsession about.

Now, let's translate all this information into plausible and practical courses of action.

Clearly, for the strong Ren 壬 Water person, amongst the key persons in their life will be, depending on their gender, their father or father figures, the spouse or the girlfriend. Accordingly, these individuals will be helpful to our strong Ren Water by way of advice, resources or information. These individuals will also be able to influence our strong Ren Water person positively. Finally, our strong Ren Water person will also find they are very relaxed or comfortable talking to these people or seeking their advice or just spending time with them.

Since the Wealth Element is Favourable, it is important for our strong Ren Water person to work hard and also, be focused on essentially, making money. The more this person works (recall, the Direct Wealth and Indirect Wealth Star are all connected with money, which is a direct product of working!), the better they will do in life. So this person should focus on being more productive rather than less productive and always be looking out for ways to make money or generate income. Indeed, having a very money-minded approach to life will actually be good for this Ren Water person because money (making it, earning it, having it in their bank account) actually makes them happy.



Now let's use the same approach above but explore how to utilise the Output Element this time. We'll use example of a strong Jia 甲 Wood Day Master.

To qualify as a strong Jia Wood Day Master, it would have to be Jia Wood born in either the Tiger 寅 (Yin), Rabbit 卯 (Mao) or Dragon 辰 (Chen) months or Jia Wood born in either Pig 亥 (Hai), Rat 子 (Zi) or Ox 丑 (Chou) months as Winter is considered the secondary support season for Wood.

時 Hour	日 Day	月 Month			年 Year	
	日元 DM 甲 Jia Yang Wood					天干 Heavenly Stems
		寅 Yin Tiger + Wood	卯 Mao Rabbit - Wood	辰 Chen Dragon + Earth		地支 Earthly Branches
						藏干 Hidden Stems

時 Hour	日 Day	月 Month			年 Year	
	日元 DM 甲 Jia Yang Wood					天干 Heavenly Stems
		亥 Hai Pig - Water	子 Zi Rat + Water	丑 Chou Ox - Earth		地支 Earthly Branches
						藏干 Hidden Stems

Strong Day Masters favour the Wealth, Output and Influence Elements and dislike the Resource and Companion Elements. For a Jia 甲 Wood Day Master, the Output Element is represented by Fire, the Wealth Element is represented by Earth and the Influence Element is represented by Metal. The Resource Element is represented by Water and the Companion Element is represented by Wood.

We know that Fire is the Output Element of Jia Wood. We also know that Fire comprises of Bing 丙 Fire and Ding 丁 Fire. Finally, we know that Bing Fire represents the Eating God Star and Ding Fire represents the Hurting Officer Star.

So, let's now think of all the references from *Enter the 10 Gods* as well as Chapters 2 and 3 that we have discussed to date that relate to the Eating God Star and Hurting Officer Star, namely, personal traits and characteristics, people, places and matters. Here's a quick abbreviated list:

Eating God Star

Characteristics	People	Places	Matters
Long-tail thinking, strategic outlook, focused on the long-term, detailed orientated	Chef, cook, gourmand, the Artist	Gourmet food outlets	Writing, journaling, songwriting – any deeply personal/ intimate form of creative expression
Pedantic, perfectionists, meticulous sometimes to the point of absurdity	For a woman, her daughter	Michelin Star restaurants	Daydreams, fantasies, personal ambitions
Eccentric, unique way of looking at things, off-kilter	Long-standing, highly valuable employees in the organisation, strategic thinkers in the organisation, strategic hires in the organisation	Kitchen	Behind the scenes activities, backroom manoeuvrings, covert activities
Appreciative of beautiful things, the finer things in life, true sense of luxury, intellectually superior, haughty		Personal study/ library	Intellectual property, creations, inventions, songs, movie scripts, books
Moving things behind the scenes, invisible hand that gets things done, subtle, master tactician		Music studio	

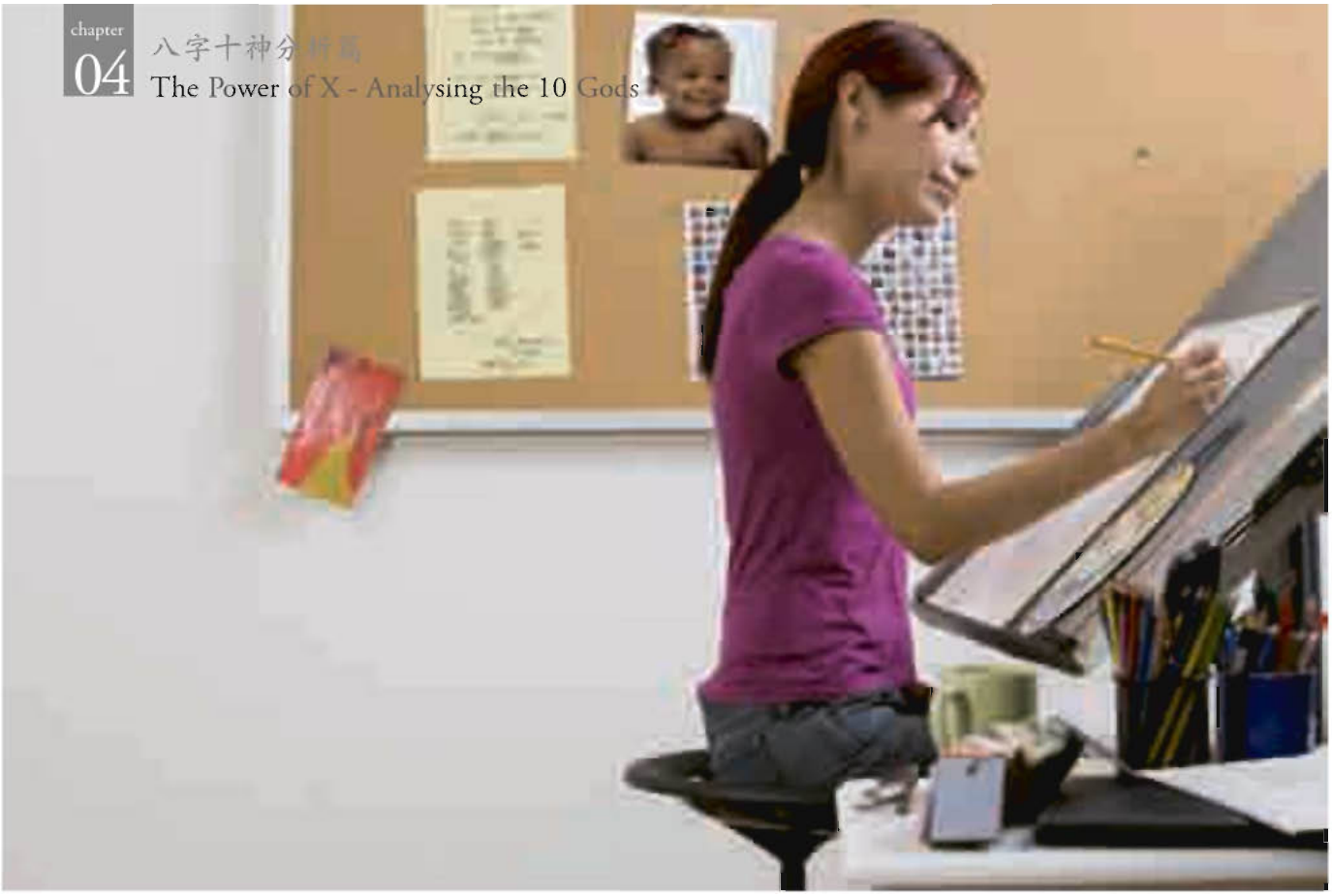
Hurting Officer Star

Characteristics	People	Places	Matters
Outspoken, tactless, straight shooter, opinionated	Marketeers, PR, creative brains of the organisation	Marketing, PR department, any department that handles creativity, out of the box thinking and innovation	Matters which relate to marketing, PR or which require brainstorming, out of the box thinking, breaking the rules, instituting change
Rebellion demeanour, like to break the rules	Department which comes up with ideas and products	Concert stadiums, cinema, rock concert	Protests, activist events, rebellion, revolution
Always right, even when wrong!	For a woman, her son	Karaoke lounge	Acting classes, singing classes
Argumentative, strong-willed, forceful, sarcastic	Outspoken, highly opinionated characters and individuals		For a woman, matters related to her son. Matters relating to ideas, design and concepts.
Creative, colourful, unique problem-solving skills, cut to the core of problems	Singers, dancers, performers, actors		Work product such as presentations, ideas, inventions

For a strong Jia Wood who is female, having children or spending time with her children is a good and easy way to interact with one of her Favourable Elements.

Now, let's translate all this information into plausible and practical courses of action for the strong Jia 甲 Wood Day Master.

For the strong Jia Wood person, employees are amongst the group of people who are helpful and supportive towards them. Lest you think that all employees are helpful and supportive, some people actually have more stress when they have employees or staff, especially if their chart makes it such that they also have staff-related challenges The strong Jia Wood person will find they are very relaxed or comfortable talking to their staff or like spending time working together with their staff. For a strong Jia Wood who is female, having children or spending time with her children is a good and easy way to interact with one of her Favourable Elements.



The strong Jia Wood person should also aim to use as much of their creative skills and communication skills as possible on the job.

The strong Jia 甲 Wood person should look towards creative activities during their spare time as a means of again, enhancing their connection with the Output Element. So taking up singing classes, creative writing, journaling, blogging, or just taking cooking classes are good ways for Jia Wood to make use of the Output Element during their down-time or spare time. From a character attributes standpoint, the strong Jia Wood person should try to make use of their problem-solving skills as much as possible, or be focused on learning how to problem-solve well as this is one of the key skills of the Output Element. The strong Jia Wood person should also aim to use as much of their creative skills and communication skills as possible on the job.

Now let's use the same approach above but explore how to utilise the Influence Element this time. We'll use example of a strong Ji 己 Earth Day Master.

To qualify as a strong Ji 己 Earth Day Master, it would have to be Ji Earth born in the Snake 巳 (Si), Horse 午 (Wu) or Goat 未 (Wei) months as Summer is the only season when Earth is regarded as Strong.

時 Hour	日 Day	月 Month			年 Year	
	日元 DM 己 Ji Yin Earth					天干 Heavenly Stems
		巳 Si Snake - Fire	午 Wu Horse + Fire	未 Wei Goat - Earth		地支 Earthly Branches
						藏干 Hidden Stems

Strong Day Masters favour the Wealth, Output and Influence Elements and dislike the Resource and Companion Elements. For a Ji Earth Day Master, the Influence Element is represented by Wood, the Wealth Element is represented by Water and the Output Element is represented by Metal. The Resource Element is represented by Fire and the Companion Element is represented by Earth.

We know that Wood is the Influence Element of Ji Earth. We also know that Wood comprises of Jia Wood and Yi Wood. Finally, we know that Jia Wood represents the Direct Officer Star and Yi 乙 Wood represents the 7 Killings Star.

So, let's now think of all the references from *Enter the 10 Gods* as well as Chapters 2 and 3 that we have discussed to date that relate to the 7 Killings Star and Direct Officer Star, namely, personal traits and characteristics, people, places and matters. Here's a quick abbreviated list:

7 Killings Star

Characteristics	People	Places	Matters
Impulsive, aggressive, Machiavellian, driven, highly ambitious, natural ability to anticipate and gauge risk	Male offspring of a man	Battlefield, warzone, crime scene	Vindictive law suits, hostile takeover, acrimonious divorce
Ruthless, take-no-prisoners attitude	Boyfriends, ex-husbands for a woman, or a younger man	Operating theatre	Criminal activity, illegal activity, any thing that involves violence or aggression
Charismatic, charming, courageous	Enemies, detractors, backbiters, mean, hostile, difficult or horrible bosses	F1 circuit, bungee jump, sports stadium, boxing ring, hard-core gym	Matters relating to a woman's boyfriend or ex-husband
Makes enemies easily, don't care who they step on or offend to get what they want, results driven	Petty people who are out to get you	Military base, military training camp	Emotional, mental and physical stress
Natural leaders, inclined towards dictatorial style	Triad members, people who use violence to enforce rules or get what they believe to be right and expedient for the establishment of order.		

Direct Officer Star

Characteristics	People	Places	Matters
Upright, upstanding, principled, honourable	Husband for a woman	Government offices	Legal matters ie: wills, conveyances, registering a business
Follows the rules, by the book personality	Superiors/bosses/ clients	Courts or offices of lawyers	Legal compliance requirements, government and official business
Rigid and uncompromising, sees the world as black and white, absolutists	Government officials or any person in a position of power or who is in charge of approvals or permissions	Boardrooms, corporate HQ, chairman's office, CEO's office	Matters relating to leadership, authority or superiors and bosses in the organisation
Organisers, clear thinkers, focused on getting things done in the most structured, organised way possible	Police, law enforcement, lawyers, judges, administrators	Capital of a country, seat of power, administrative capital of a country	Matters related to discipline, enforcement of the rules, matters relating to policy, regulations, process and procedures
Obedient	School perfects, prison wardens, discipline masters, any kind of leader in a group		Management of individuals or chattels or assets

Strong Ji Earth Day Masters should strive to utilise the characteristics of the Influence Element by exhibiting leadership at all times.

What should a strong Ji 己 Earth Day Master do in order to enhance their usage of the Influence Element?

Clearly, as the Influence Element is favourable, strong Ji Earth Day Masters should strive to utilise the characteristics of the Influence Element at all times. The easiest way to do this is to seek to exhibit leadership at all times. Leadership isn't just ordering people around – it is about getting things done through whatever means, including by exerting influence. Leadership is also about personal responsibility, it is about taking charge and stepping up and forward. Thus, strong Ji Earth Day Masters should strive to be 'the responsible one' in their office or at home. They should embrace the opportunity to make decisions, and consciously chose to make decisions, especially when no one else will. And they must not just make those decisions – they must seek to influence others that those decisions are right, and deserve support.

A structured, orderly day to day routine is also ideal – strong Ji Earth Day Masters should look to impose personal discipline on their life as much as possible and avoid a lax or spontaneous daily life. A high level of personal ambition is also good to have for Ji Earth Day Masters as the Influence Element co-relates with high status or important positions at the workplace and in society as a whole.

People-wise, for the strong Ji Earth who is also a female, her spouse is a very important person in her life and is a positive influence on her. So marriage is something that is very favourable for the strong Ji Earth woman. Superiors, bosses or clients are also in the list of people who are a positive influence or who can be helpful to the strong Ji Earth person. As such, the strong Ji Earth female should work if possible, especially if they are single, since this is an easy and natural way to have the Influence Element in her life.

You will notice that we haven't utilised everything in the brief list indicated above that relates to the Influence Element. Utilising the Favourable Element doesn't mean that you need to adopt a Kitchen Sink mentality – it is not a case of all or nothing. It is okay to pick and choose because there are some things which simply are either not applicable to your personal life or simply not viable actions or situations for you. It's also important to interpret sensibly.

The 7 Killings Star connects to, amongst other things, matters that involve criminality, violence or illegality.

For example, the Influence Element includes the 7 Killings Star and the 7 Killings Star connects to, amongst other things, matters that involve criminality, violence or illegality. Now, just because the Influence Element happens to be one of your favourable

elements, that doesn't mean that you should go out and commit crime or that being violent necessarily makes you feel better about yourself or that you should stick your nose in every bar fight you come across. Nor does it mean you should launch vindictive lawsuits as a means in which to solve all your problems in life. Involvement in matters related to your Favourable Element need to be interpreted and done in a sensible and logical manner.

With reference to the connection to violence, illegality and criminality, it simply means that strong Day Masters are better equipped to handle situations which have elements of violence, illegality and criminality because they are not easily intimidated. If anything, a show of force just naturally brings out the strong Day Master's leadership inclinations, inherent courageousness and sense of righteousness.

Be sensible and logical when interpreting your involvement in matters related to your Favourable Element.

Thus, in the face of significant challenges or threats (both bodily and emotional as well as situational), the strong Day Master can actually still do the right thing, even if they are frightened or feel threatened. And not only can they do the right thing, they are prepared to make sacrifices or endure significant challenges in the immediate future, to ensure it gets done.

You will also note that the 7 Killings Star does relate to stress. What this means is that strong Day Masters are generally better equipped to handle and may even *thrive* on high-stress situations. Thus, utilising the Influence Element more may simply mean having to do a job which frequently involves high-stress or high-adrenaline situations because it brings out the best in a strong Day Master.

Ultimately, it is important to practice common sense when it comes to utilising the Favourable Element. You don't want to force things nor do you want to be doing things that you are uncomfortable with. Do what is reasonable and most importantly, what is achievable given your personal circumstances and situation.

What about the weak Day Masters? Again, the approach is the same, it is just the Five Factors and 10 Gods that are applicable which change.

Let's take the example of a weak Gui 癸 Water Day Master. To qualify as a weak Gui Water Day Master, it would have to be Gui Water born in either the Tiger 寅 (Yin), Rabbit 卯 (Mao) or Dragon 辰 (Chen) months or Gui Water born in either Snake 巳 (Si), Horse 午 (Wu) or Goat 未 (Wei) months.

時 Hour	日 Day	月 Month			年 Year	
	日元 DM 癸 Gui Yin Water					天干 Heavenly Stems
		寅 Yin Tiger + Wood	卯 Mao Rabbit - Wood	辰 Chen Dragon + Earth		地支 Earthly Branches
						藏干 Hidden Stems

時 Hour	日 Day	月 Month			年 Year	
	日元 DM 癸 Gui Yin Water					天干 Heavenly Stems
		巳 Si Snake - Fire	午 Wu Horse + Fire	未 Wei Goat - Earth		地支 Earthly Branches
						藏干 Hidden Stems

Weak Day Masters favour the Resource and Companion Elements and dislike the Wealth, Output and Influence Elements. For a Gui 癸 Water Day Master, the Resource Element is represented by Metal and the Companion Element is represented by Water.

We know that Metal is the Resource Element of Gui Water. We also know that Metal comprises of Geng 庚 Metal and Xin 辛 Metal. Finally, we know that Geng Metal represents the Direct Resource Star and Xin Metal represents the Indirect Resource Star.

So, let's now think of all the references from *Enter the 10 Gods* as well as Chapters 2 and 3 that we have discussed to date that relate to the Direct Resource Star and Indirect Resource Star, namely, personal traits and characteristics, people, places and matters. Here's a quick abbreviated list:

Direct Resource Star

Characteristics	People	Places	Matters
Knowledgeable, cultured, well-mannered, properly brought up	Mother (to a man)	Holiday home, vacation destination, resorts	Personal documents such as identification, driver's licence, passport
Studied, learned, well-read, intellectual, thoughtful	Matriarchal and maternal figures	Houses of worship ie: temple, church, synagogue	Professional documents such as invoices, accounting ledgers, requisition notices
Considerate, kind, patient, gentle demeanour, approachable, reassuring personality	Metaphysics practitioners ie: Feng Shui consultant, BaZi consultant	Places for health improvement or health restoration: hospitals, clinics, health farm, retreats, healing centers, spas and detoxification programs.	Matters relating to a man's mother
Prone to dithering, overthinking, slow to move, relaxed, contented	Librarians, custodians of knowledge and information, researchers	Places of knowledge: library, bookstore, schools, universities	Health, recreation, vacations and holidays
Bleeding heart, overly sympathetic, unable to make tough decisions	Support staff in an organisation or company	Any place where people feel comfortable and relaxed	Comfort level, work-life balance

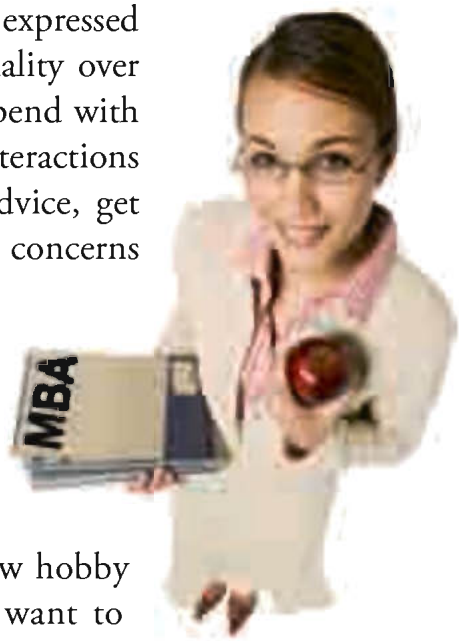
Indirect Resource Star

Characteristics	People	Places	Matters
Eccentric, unconventional, highly attuned to their emotions and those of people around them, uniquely creative, resourceful, out of the box thinkers	Mother (to a woman)	Cemetary, haunted house, morgue	Emotional and mental health
Intuitive, good instincts, strong sense of empathy, capacity to make sense of complex data, ability to anticipate needs and interests of the market	Healers, psychics, tarot card readers, yogis	Spiritual healing center, yoga center, meditation center, mountain retreat	Sixth sense, gut instinct, intuition
Sympathetic, understanding, non-judgmental	People who do unconventional jobs ie: ghostbuster	Places of learning for unconventional interests ie: cave meditation	Matters relating to a woman's mother
Laid back, relaxed, comfortable in their own skin, chilled out	Eccentrics, researchers of fringe sciences	Capitals of spiritual practice or learning, such as the Vatican, Machu Picchu, Fu Guang Shan in Taiwan where they offer formal training on spiritual matters.	Superstition or supernatural matters, alternative interests, metaphysics
Indecisive, overly attuned to the needs of everyone, unable to handle tough situations, cowardly	Hypochondriacs	Broadcast and print newsrooms	Unconventional and eccentric interests or matters, knowledge based television programs such as those on National Geographic, Discovery Channel or History Channel.

How does the weak Gui 癸 Water Day Master make greater usage of the Resource Element?

The most obvious person that the weak Gui Water Day Master will connect with and will want to spend more time with is their mother. In the modern application of BaZi, spending more time with someone doesn't actually need to be time spent in their physical presence – we do live in a globalised world and I can see some of my readers wondering how a weak Day Master is supposed to spend more time with their mother if they live in another country. The answer is simple: phone calls, email and Skype. The idea is to connect with the Favourable Element as often as possible so yes, speaking, communicating in written form and video calls all count towards that objective. The important thing to remember when it comes to connecting with your Favourable Element, expressed as a person or a group of individuals is quality over quantity. It's not the amount of time you spend with the person but what you do during your interactions with that person. Use that time to seek advice, get guidance, ask for help or just talk over your concerns or problems.

Self-cultivation, expanding one's well of knowledge and educational endeavours are also good ways to connect with the Resource Element. Take weekend classes or night classes to learn a new language, a new hobby or even pick up a new skill. Perhaps you want to consider a part-time MBA or spending some time doing an advanced degree. For those who are loath to invest money in education, there's always the cheap option of expanding your mind by joining a



Self-cultivation, expanding one's well of knowledge and educational endeavours are also good ways to connect with the Resource Element.

book club or a library or buying books. Weak Day Masters can also claim to have good excuse to take days off, relax, go on holidays and recharge because they need it!

Learning to be more patient, tolerant and considerate are also ways for weak Day Masters to connect with the Resource Element by way of character attributes. Striving to be more Zen, approaching things from a more cerebral or intellectual standpoint, pausing to consider a course of action and finding the time to stop and smell the roses are some of the attributes that weak Day Masters need to attempt to incorporate into their lives.

Now let's use the same approach and explore how to utilise the Companion Element this time. We'll use the example of a weak Yi 乙 Wood Day Master.

To qualify as a weak Yi Wood Day Master, it would have to be Yi Wood born in the Snake 巳 (Si), Horse 午 (Wu) or Goat 未 (Wei) or Yi Wood born in the Monkey 申 (Shen), Rooster 酉 (You) or Dog 戌 (Xu) months.

時 Hour	日 Day	月 Month			年 Year	
	日元 DM 乙 Yi Yin Wood					天干 Heavenly Stems
		巳 Si Snake - Fire	午 Wu Horse + Fire	未 Wei Goat - Earth		地支 Earthly Branches
						藏干 Hidden Stems

時 Hour	日 Day	月 Month			年 Year	
	日元 DM 乙 Yi Yin Wood					天干 Heavenly Stems
		申 Shen Monkey + Metal	酉 You Rooster - Metal	戌 Xu Dog + Earth		地支 Earthly Branches
						藏干 Hidden Stems

Weak Day Masters favour the Resource and Companion Elements and dislike the Wealth, Output and Influence Elements. For a Yi 乙 Wood Day Master, the Resource Element is represented by Water and the Companion Element is represented by Wood.

We know that Wood is the Companion Element of Yi Wood. We also know that Wood comprises of Jia 甲 Wood and Yi Wood. Finally, we know that Jia Wood represents the Rob Wealth Star and Yi Wood represents the Friend Star.

So, let's now think of all the references from *Enter the 10 Gods* as well as Chapters 2 and 3 that we have discussed to date that relate to the Rob Wealth Star and Friend Star, namely, personal traits and characteristics, people, places and matters. Here's a quick abbreviated list:

Rob Wealth Star

Characteristics	People	Places	Matters
Persuasive, gift of the gab, witty, charming inspiring, motivational	Friends of the opposite gender, co-workers.	Sales department, multi-level marketing company	Spontaneous activities or decisions
Chatty, sociable, make friends quickly, outgoing personality, loves doing things spontaneously	Personal coaches	Events, concerts, team-sports	Sales, retail therapy, any activity or matter that involves spending money ie: buying a new car
Spendthrift, poor with managing money	Competitors and rivals	Parties, networking events, recreational clubs, anyplace which is fun and exciting	Networking, making new contacts, relationship building
Prone to relying on people to get things done, can be lazy	Salesmen	Shopping malls, frequent flyer programs, loyalty programs	Partnership, joint-venture, collaboration, cooperation or matters involving working together with other people on an endeavour
Last minute, poor decision making skills, tendency to vacillate, habit of telling white lies	Business partners, fellow shareholders in a business	Cooperatives, places where people work together, collaborate	Parties, social occasions, social events

Friend Star

Characteristics	People	Places	Matters
Self-assured, move to the tune of their own pied piper	Friends of the same sex or same social rank.	Cafes, bars, recreational clubs, places where people meet and connect	Internal family or extended family matters or clan matters or association matters
Can be self-centered, selfish, or motivated by purely their own interests and needs	Clan members, kin, members of Rotary Club, Freemasons, Lions, charitable organisation, comrades, cults	Lodge (for Freemasons)	Matters relating to shareholders or people who share the same social, economic or cultural background
Self-possessing, strong sense of identity, clear sense of their own ideals and values	Siblings of the same gender, extended family members	Association HQ or building	Matters relating to self and personal identity, sense of self-worth
Highly independent, don't like to rely on others		Corporate offices, campuses	Office culture, code of conduct, mission statement, values statement.
Perceive everyone around them as equals at all times, minimal sense of hierarchy, but can be cliquish or clannish			

So how does the weak Yi 乙 Wood Day Master increase their usage of the Companion Element?

The Companion Element most closely relates to friends but siblings or cousins of the same generation. In a broader context, it also refers to one's friends, co-workers, contacts and connections. So the weak Yi Wood Day Master has a good excuse to socialise, network and generally party a lot because this is actually beneficial to the weak Yi Wood Day Master. They need the support of the Companion Element and so connecting with people at social occasions (or work-related networking events) is a great way for them to increase their contact with the Companion Element whilst also making headway with career-related endeavours. A weak Yi Wood Day Master who prefers to be a homebody or has hermit-like tendencies or is painfully shy is going to have a lot of difficulties connecting with the Companion Element – as such, they need to make a supreme effort to just GET OUT THERE!

Weak Yi Wood Day Masters will also benefit from situations where teamwork, collaboration or cooperation is involved in the equation, be it at work or in their personal life, since the Companion Element closely relates to activities or matters done with other people. The sporty but weak Yi Wood Day Masters would be better off playing team-sports like futsal or tennis doubles rather than individual sports like golf. At the workplace, weak Yi Woods should ideally try to work within a team or be part of a team than be in a one-man department type set-up.

So what kind of character attributes should the weak Yi 乙 Wood Day Master strive to project? Well, confidence obviously is essential since the Companion Element most closely relates to ego, self-esteem, self-worth, sense of self and identity. A weak Yi Wood Day Master should strive to develop an innate confidence and ego and have a strong sense of can-do. Motivational and self-development courses that are focused on developing a good sense of self or any kind of activity that acts to boost self confidence (ie: singing classes, acting classes) and reduce shyness or self-consciousness will definitely help. A weak Yi Wood Day Master should definitely learn to toot his or her horn in the loudest way possible!

A weak Yi Wood Day Master should take up courses or classes that focuses on developing a good sense of self or any kind of activity that acts to boost self confidence such as music or singing lessons.

MANAGING THE UNFAVOURABLE ELEMENT

The natural assumption is that if we are supposed to make greater use of our Favourable Elements, we should strive to avoid the use of our Unfavourable Elements. Handling the Unfavourable Element however is not always a case of simple avoidance. In some instances of course, it is possible. For example, if Metal is one of your Unfavourable Elements, avoiding a job in the Metal industry is possible since choice of industry is actually something that is within the average person's control. But, it is not logically possible sometimes to entirely avoid the Unfavourable Elements. For example, if the Companion Element is your Unfavourable Element, and the Companion Star represents your friends, siblings and kin, surely you cannot avoid your friends and siblings all your life?

It would be daft to paint your house blue because Water happens to be your Favourable Element.

Similarly, if the Resource Element is your Unfavourable Element, and the Resource Element represents amongst other things, your mother, it does not make sense to avoid your mother all your life, aside from it being outrageously poor form. You can rule out taking a job in a certain industry but you can't really cut off your family in the name of an Unfavourable Element in the same way it's daft to paint your house blue because Water happens to be your Favourable Element.

It bears repeating that all solutions that stem from BaZi should make sense and sit well with basic common sense. As such, dealing with the Unfavourable Elements is more a case of understanding how the Unfavourable Element manifests its 'unfavourableness' and appreciating that dealing with the Unfavourable Element isn't necessarily always about avoidance: it's about *managing* the Unfavourable Element. By managing it, I mean being aware and conscious of its effect on your actions, thoughts and behaviour and your life as a whole whilst looking at sensible ways in which to reduce its negative impact on your life.

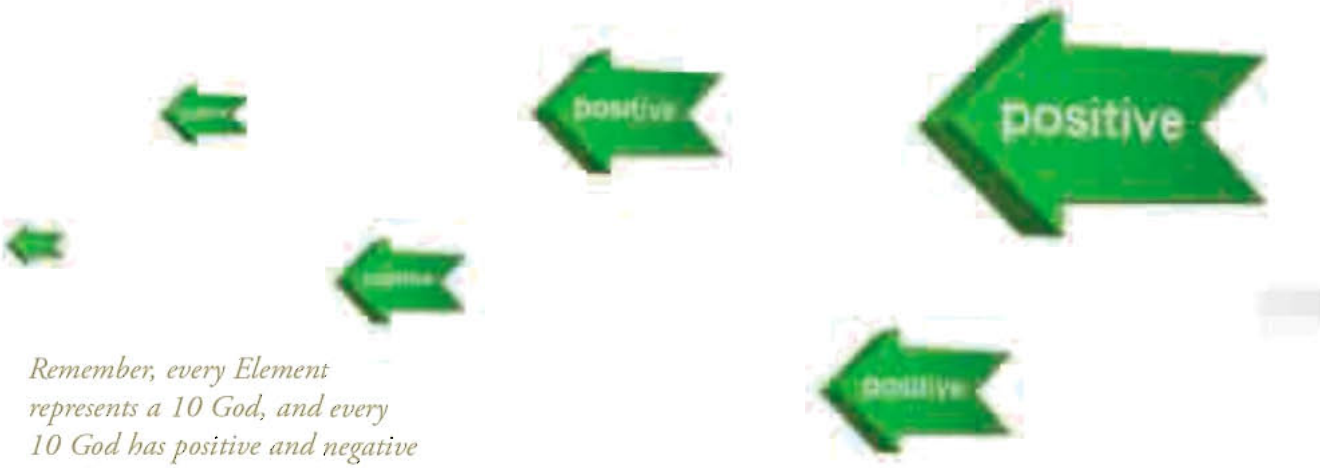
越幫越忙

The more the help, the more the problems

A good example of understanding how the Unfavourable Element needs to be managed is to look at the instance of persons or a class of persons represented by your Unfavourable Element. Invariably, there will be a class or group of people or an individual that is represented by your Unfavourable Elements. It does not mean that you need to cut these people out of your life or avoid seeing them or interacting with them. That's not managing the situation – that is using a sledgehammer to crack a nut. Rather, you simply need to be aware that this class of persons, the person or the relationship may be the cause of some stress or inconvenience or problems for you or more likely, that these individuals simply are not very helpful to you by way of the advice they offer, the ideas they give you, the opinions they render or the resources they have. The Chinese have an apt saying that effectively sums up this situation: 越幫越忙 or *the more the help, the more the problems*.

Managing the Unfavourable Element also requires an understanding of how it manifests or influences your life. Often, a person's negative character attributes will tend to be closely linked to their Unfavourable Elements. In other words, the stinky, tacky and nasty parts of your personality are usually your Unfavourable Elements showing their unsavoury side. Thus, when it comes to managing your Unfavourable Elements, the goal is also to attempt to reduce the exhibition of the negative traits associated with the Unfavourable Element and to strive to get the positive traits to come out instead. Remember, every Element represents a 10 God, and every 10 God has positive and negative attributes associated with it.

Finally, the Unfavourable Element will usually also represent the type of matters which frequently give rise to challenges, problems, difficulties or obstacles. In this instance, avoidance sometimes is the best remedy although there will naturally be cases where avoidance is not logical or possible. As such, the logical option is to simply be cautious and careful when having to handle or oversee matters that are associated with your personal Unfavourable Elements.



Remember, every Element represents a 10 God, and every 10 God has positive and negative attributes associated with it.

To truly understand how the Unfavourable Element is to be understood and managed, it is best to look at some examples and work through them. So that's what we are going to do.

Depending on the strength of the Day Master, the Unfavourable Elements can be any of the Five Factors. In the following section, I will explain how each of the Five Factors (Resource, Wealth, Influence, Companion, Output) is to be managed should it be one of the Unfavourable Elements. To keep the explanation grounded, I have used a specific Day Master for each example. However, each of the explanations is applicable to ALL the 10 Day Masters unless otherwise indicated. In other words, although the example references say, a weak Ren Water Day Master managing the Output Element, the illustration of how to manage the Output Element is applicable to ***any*** weak Day Master.

Let's take the example of a strong Xin 辛 Metal Day Master and work through the approach outlined above on managing the Unfavourable Element.

To qualify as a strong Xin Metal Day Master, it would have to be Xin Metal born in the Monkey 申 (Shen), Rooster 酉 (You) or Dog 戌 (Xu) months as Autumn is the only season when Metal is regarded as Strong.

時 Hour	日 Day	月 Month			年 Year	
	日元 DM 辛 Xin Yin Metal					天干 Heavenly Stems
		申 Shen Monkey + Metal	酉 You Rooster - Metal	戌 Xu Dog + Earth		地支 Earthly Branches
						藏干 Hidden Stems

Strong Day Masters dislike the Resource and Companion Elements. For a Xin Metal Day Master, the Resource Element is represented by Earth, the Companion Element is represented by Metal.

We know that Earth is the Resource Element of Xin Metal. Earth comprises of Wu 戊 Earth and Ji 己 Earth. Finally, we know that Wu Earth represents the Direct Resource Star and Ji Earth represents the Indirect Resource Star.

So, let's now think of all the references from *Enter the 10 Gods* as well as Chapters 2 and 3 that we have discussed to date that relate to the Direct Resource

Star and Indirect Resource Star, namely, personal traits and characteristics, people, places and matters.

Direct Resource Star

Characteristics	People	Places	Matters
Knowledgeable, cultured, well-mannered, properly brought up.	Mother (to a man)	Holiday home, vacation destination, resorts	Personal documents such as identification, driver's licence, passport
Studied, learned, well-read, intellectual, thoughtful	Matriarchal and maternal figures	Houses of worship ie: temple, church, synagogue	Professional documents such as invoices, accounting ledgers, requisition notices
Considerate, kind, patient, gentle demeanour, approachable, reassuring personality	Metaphysics practitioners ie: Feng Shui consultant, BaZi consultant	Places for health improvement or health restoration: hospitals, clinics, health farm, retreats, healing centers, spas and detoxification programs.	Matters relating to a man's mother
Prone to dithering, overthinking, slow to move, relaxed, contented	Librarians, custodians of knowledge and information, researchers	Places of knowledge: library, bookstore, schools, universities	Health, recreation, vacations and holidays
Bleeding heart, overly sympathetic, unable to make tough decisions.	Support staff in an organisation or company	Any place where people feel comfortable and relaxed	Comfort level, work-life balance

Indirect Resource Star

Characteristics	People	Places	Matters
Eccentric, unconventional, highly attuned to their emotions and those of people around them, uniquely creative, resourceful, out of the box thinkers	Mother (to a woman)	Cemetary, haunted house, morgue	Emotional and mental health
Intuitive, good instincts, strong sense of empathy, capacity to make sense of complex data, ability to anticipate needs and interests of the market	Healers, psychics, tarot card readers, yogis	Spiritual healing center, yoga center, meditation center, mountain retreat.	Sixth sense, gut instinct, intuition
Sympathetic, understanding, non-judgmental	People who do unconventional jobs ie: ghostbuster	Places of learning for unconventional interests ie: cave meditation	Matters relating to a woman's mother
Laid back, relaxed, comfortable in their own skin, chilled out	Eccentrics, researchers of fringe sciences	Capitals of spiritual practice or learning, such as the Vatican, Machu Picchu, Fu Guang Shan in Taiwan where they offer formal training on spiritual matters.	Superstition or supernatural matters, alternative interests, metaphysics
Indecisive, overly attuned to the needs of everyone, unable to handle tough situations, cowardly	Hypochondriacs	Broadcast and print newsrooms	Unconventional and eccentric interests or matters, knowledge based television programs such as those on National Geographic, Discovery Channel or History Channel.

What then should the strong Xin 辛 Metal Day Master do in order to minimise the use of the Resource Stars?

Where possible, strong Xin Metal Day Masters should avoid being involved in Earth industries, as Earth represents the Resource Element. As you will recall from *The Destiny Code*, Earth industries include real estate, construction, mining, quarrying and building materials amongst others. This is the simplest and easiest way to manage the Unfavourable Element.

Character attributes are the next most obvious area in which to tackle. As stated before, an Unfavourable Element tends to often manifest itself by way of the negative traits associated with the particular Element. Thus, the NEGATIVE TRAITS associated with the Direct and Indirect Resource Star are more likely to show in our strong Xin Metal Day Master. What are these traits? Procrastination is the most obvious trait, along with a lack of organisation, a muddled approach to getting things done, a lack of decisiveness, dependency and reliance on others, and a tendency to be lackadaisical about important matters. These character traits are also likely to be primarily responsible for the person's challenges and obstacles in life, especially when dealing with matters such as personal documentation, doing paperwork, or even taking care of their health.

Earth industries include real estate, construction, mining, quarrying and building materials amongst others.

Strong Xin Metal may frequently have difficulties or problems with matters that involve careful documentation or paperwork.

Thus, the strong Xin 辛 Metal Day Master must be aware of a tendency towards the above negative character traits and make a conscious effort to avoid procrastinating, being disorganised, muddled and indecisive. Managing these negative attributes also means taking steps to strengthen skills relating to organisation, decision-making and learning how to be more independent and a self-starter. Further, strong Xin Metal Day Masters need to be conscious of the fact that they may frequently have difficulties or problems with matters that involve careful documentation or paperwork, and that they may have a habit of misplacing important documents. The solution is trite: be more careful! Alternatively, recognise that these are not your strengths and avoid within reason situations where you are required to handle documents or do a lot of paperwork.

Now let's use the same approach above but explore how to manage the Unfavourable Companion Element this time. We'll use example of a strong Ding Fire Day Master.

To qualify as a strong Ding 丁 Fire Day Master, it would have to be Ding Fire born in the Snake 巳 (Si), Horse 午 (Wu) or Goat 未 (Wei) months or Ding Fire born in either Tiger 寅 (Yin), Rabbit 卯 (Mao) or Dragon 辰 (Chen) months as Spring is considered the secondary support season for Fire.

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	日元 DM 丁 Ding Yin Fire					天干 Heavenly Stems
		巳 Si Snake - Fire	午 Wu Horse + Fire	未 Wei Goat - Earth		地支 Earthly Branches
						藏干 Hidden Stems

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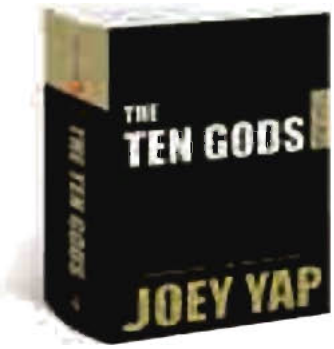
		寅 Yin Tiger + Wood	卯 Mao Rabbit - Wood	辰 Chen Dragon + Earth		地支 Earthly Branches
						藏干 Hidden Stems

Strong Day Masters dislike the Resource and Companion Elements. For a Ding 丁 Fire Day Master, the Resource Element is represented by Wood, the Companion Element is represented by Fire. We know that Fire is the Companion Element of Ding Fire. Fire comprises of Bing Fire and Ding Fire. Finally, we know that Bing Fire represents the Rob Wealth Star and Ding Fire represents the Friend Star.



So, let's now think of all the references from *Enter the 10 Gods* as well as Chapters 2 and 3 that we have discussed to date that relate to the Rob Wealth Star and Friend Star, namely, personal traits and characteristics, people, places and matters.

Rob Wealth Star

Characteristics	People	Places	Matters
Persuasive, gift of the gab, witty, charming inspiring, motivational	Friends of the opposite gender, co-workers	Sales department, multi-level marketing company	Spontaneous activities or decisions
Chatty, sociable, make friends quickly, outgoing personality, loves doing things spontaneously	Personal coaches	Events, concerts, team-sports	Sales, retail therapy, any activity or matter that involves spending money ie: buying a new car
Spendthrift, poor with managing money	Competitors and rivals	Parties, networking events, recreational clubs, anyplace which is fun and exciting	Networking, making new contacts, relationship building
Prone to relying on people to get things done, can be lazy	Salesmen	Shopping malls, frequent flyer programs, loyalty programs	Partnership, joint-venture, collaboration, cooperation or matters involving working together with other people on an endeavour
Last minute, poor decision making skills, tendency to vacillate, habit of telling white lies	Business partners, fellow shareholders in a business	Cooperatives, places where people work together, collaborate	Parties, social occasions, social events

Friend Star

Characteristics	People	Places	Matters
Self-assured, move to the tune of their own pied piper	Friends of the same sex or same social rank.	Cafes, bars, recreational clubs, places where people meet and connect	Internal family or extended family matters or clan matters or association matters
Can be self-centered, selfish, or motivated by purely their own interests and needs	Clan members, kin, members of Rotary Club, Freemasons, Lions, charitable organisation, comrades, cults	Lodge (for Freemasons)	Matters relating to shareholders or people who share the same social, economic or cultural background
Self-possessing, strong sense of identity, clear sense of their own ideals and values	Siblings of the same gender, extended family members	Association HQ or building	Matters relating to self and personal identity, sense of self-worth
Highly independent, don't like to rely on others		Corporate offices, campuses	Office culture, code of conduct, mission statement, values statement.
Perceive everyone around them as equals at all times, minimal sense of hierarchy, but can be cliquish or clannish			

Where possible, strong Ding 丁 Fire Day Masters should avoid being involved in Fire industries as Fire represents the Companion Element. As you will recall from *The Destiny Code*, Fire industries include IT, electronics, aviation, food and beverage, PR, entertainment and chemicals. This is the simplest and easiest way to manage the Unfavourable Element.

Character attributes are the next most obvious area in which to tackle. As stated before, an Unfavourable Element tends to often manifest itself by way of the negative traits associated with the particular Element. Thus, the NEGATIVE TRAITS associated with the Rob Wealth and Friend Star are more likely to show in our strong Ding Fire Day Master. What are these traits? Selfishness, self-centeredness, the tendency to tell white lies, a habit of being last-minute with everything, a lack of personal discipline, carelessness and tardiness, a habit of over-exaggerating things, being lax with details, and an over-developed ego are amongst the negative traits associated with the Rob Wealth and Friend Star.

A habit of over-exaggerating matters is one of the negative traits associated with the Rob Wealth and Friend Stars.

Excessively strong Ding Fire Day Masters will have problems working in a team or have difficulties collaborating with others.

Thus, the strong Ding 丁 Fire Day Master must be aware of a tendency towards the above negative character traits and make a conscious effort to downplay these negative attributes. Strive to be selfless for starters. Make a conscious effort to impose routine, structure and order in everything that you do, since the Rob Wealth Star often tends to make people lax with discipline. Strong Ding Fire Day Masters need to be conscious of the fact that they will frequently have difficulties or problems with matters that involve collaboration, cooperation or team-work, and that business partnerships or joint-ventures rarely yield positive outcomes. Relationships-wise, they may also have a habit of being overly-competitive with siblings or co-workers. They may need to be aware that whilst they can work in a team, this may not represent an optimum situation for them.

What about the weak Day Masters? Similarly, the approach is the same, it is just the Five Factors and 10 Gods that are applicable which change.

Let's use example of a weak Ding 丁 Fire Day Master.

To qualify as a weak Ding Fire Day Master, it would have to be Ding Fire born in the Monkey 申 (Shen), Rooster 酉 (You) or Dog 戌 (Xu) months or Ding Fire born in the Pig 亥 (Hai), Rat 子 (Zi) or Ox 丑 (Chou) months.

時 Hour	日 Day	月 Month			年 Year	
	日元 DM 丁 Ding Yin Fire					天干 Heavenly Stems
		申 Shen Monkey + Metal	酉 You Rooster - Metal	戌 Xu Dog + Earth		地支 Earthly Branches
						藏干 Hidden Stems

時 Hour	日 Day	月 Month			年 Year	
	日元 DM 丁 Ding Yin Fire					天干 Heavenly Stems
		亥 Hai Pig - Water	子 Zi Rat + Water	丑 Chou Ox - Earth		地支 Earthly Branches
						藏干 Hidden Stems

Weak Day Masters dislike the Wealth, Output and Influence Elements. For a Ding Fire Day Master, the Wealth Element is represented by Metal, the Output

Element is represented by Earth and the Influence Element is represented by Water. We know that Metal is the Wealth Element of Ding 丁 Fire. Metal comprises of Xin 辛 Metal and Geng 庚 Metal, which represent the Indirect Wealth and Direct Wealth Stars of Ding Fire respectively.

Direct Wealth Star

Characteristics	People	Places	Matters
Hard-working, responsible	Wife (assuming this is a man) or Father (assuming it is a woman)	Place of work ie: office	Salary and long-term investments, rental income
Conservative, cautious	Accountant/ Banker/Financial Advisor/ Chief Financial Officer	Bank, vault, place where money is stored	Banking, personal accounts
Prudent, pragmatic	Individuals involved in handling your personal money or money within your organisation	Central Business District	Tangible assets, established and conventional assets ie: bonds
Rigidity of approach, orthodoxy, structure and hierarchy			Matters related to a man's wife or a woman's father
Principled, unemotional about matters			Obligations, personal responsibilities, matters which are urgent or which are pressing, matters that are within your control

Indirect Wealth Star

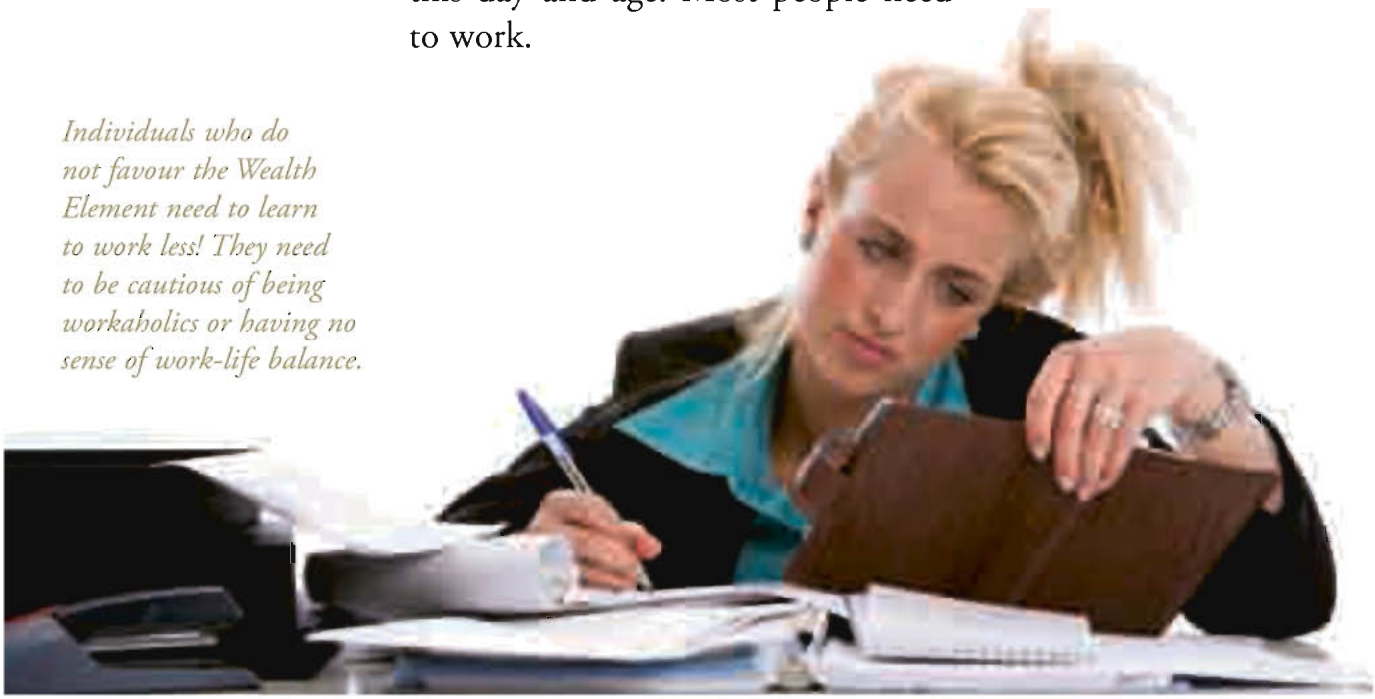
Characteristics	People	Places	Matters
Entrepreneurial, hustler, deal-maker	Father (assuming it is a Woman) or girlfriend (assuming it is a man)	Entrepreneurs park, start-up incubator, Silicon Valley, places where businesses tend to gravitate, garage where business starts	Short-term investments, speculative investments, intangible assets, leveraged investments
Opportunistic, eye for money-making	Entrepreneurs, businessmen	Stock Exchange, currency exchange, commodities exchange, futures exchange	Unexpected income ie: inheritance, gifts
Penny-wise pound foolish	Venture capitalists, investors		Business ventures, entrepreneurial ventures and efforts, money-making ideas
Flamboyant, generous with money	Stockbrokers, traders		Unconventional assets or investments ie: wine investing, watch collection, stamp collection, rare coin collection, CDOs
Quick thinking			Passion projects, endeavours in which the person has a great deal of interest or even obsession about.

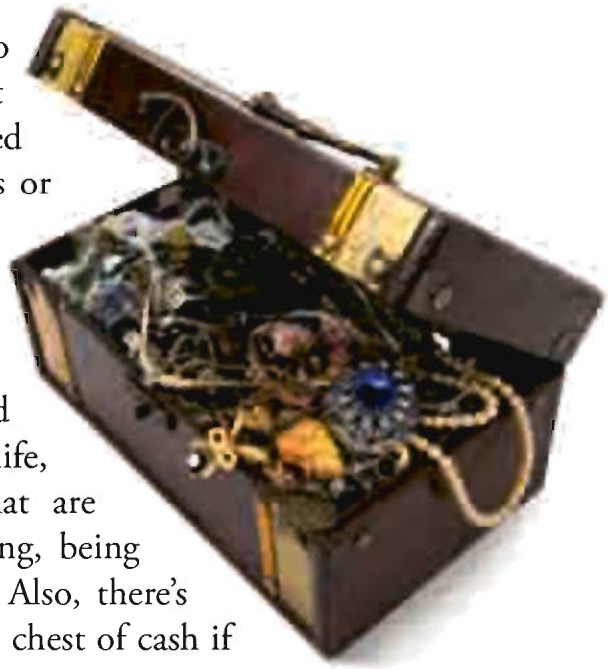
Now, how do we translate this information into practical and pragmatic, but most importantly, do-able actions?

Where possible, weak Ding 丁 Fire Day Masters should avoid being involved in Metal industries as Metal represents the Wealth Element. As you will recall from *The Destiny Code*, Metal industries include legal and judicial fields, manufacturing, car and automobile industry, military, banking, finance, law enforcement fields and metallurgy.

We know that the Wealth Element closely relates to work and the workplace. Both the Direct and Indirect Wealth Star closely also relate to working since making money requires some kind of work effort! Now, obviously it does not makes sense to tell someone that they should stop working or avoid working or avoid starting up businesses – that is simply not possible in this day and age. Most people need to work.

Individuals who do not favour the Wealth Element need to learn to work less! They need to be cautious of being workaholics or having no sense of work-life balance.





But, the fact is that individuals who do not favour the Wealth Element need to learn to work less! They need to be cautious of being workaholics or having no sense of work-life balance. A weak Day Master needs to stop being too money-minded or too focused on making money or fixated on money. They need to understand that whilst money is important in life, there are other things as well that are important, such as health, well-being, being mentally relaxed and physically fit. Also, there's not much point in having a treasure chest of cash if you don't know how to spend it and enjoy it.

A more common manifestation of an Unfavourable Wealth Element is trouble with managing money or finances. It could be as simple as not being pro-active about wealth management or it could be as severe as never opening bank statements or bothering to give thought to how inflation is affecting their savings. Depending on the individual Day Master's interaction with the Indirect Wealth Star, they may also demonstrate a lack of ability to accept bold ideas when it comes to growing their wealth or shy away from any kind of investment approach that doesn't involve 'saving money' alone. In other words, they are not just risk adverse, they are adverse to the concept of diversification.

You will notice something very interesting is going on when we are figuring out how to minimise the use of an Unfavourable Element. Often, in seeking to minimise the usage of the Unfavourable Element by striving to adjust or minimise a particular trait or attribute related to the Unfavourable Element, *automatically* the Day Master will make use of the traits, attributes or matters, places or people associated with the Favourable Elements. In our weak Ding Fire example above, the advice to minimise the usage of the Unfavourable Element (one of which was the Wealth Element) involved trying to get the person to balance their life more with more time-off, relaxation, focus on health-related endeavours and learning how to enjoy their money by spending it. Well, time-off, relaxation and health all correspond with the Resource Element (which is one of the favourable elements for a Weak Ding Fire Day Master. Spending money on the other hand co-relates with the Companion Element (specifically the Rob Wealth Star).

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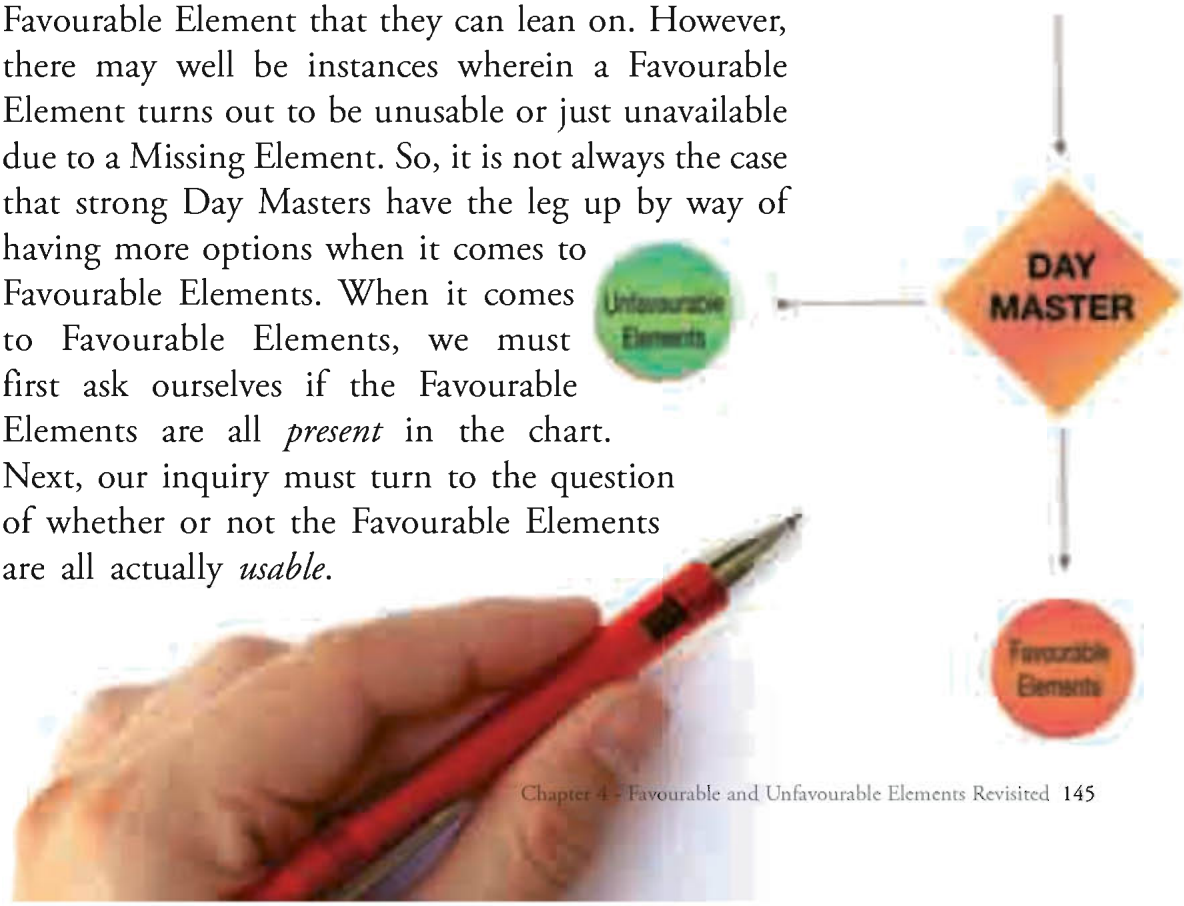
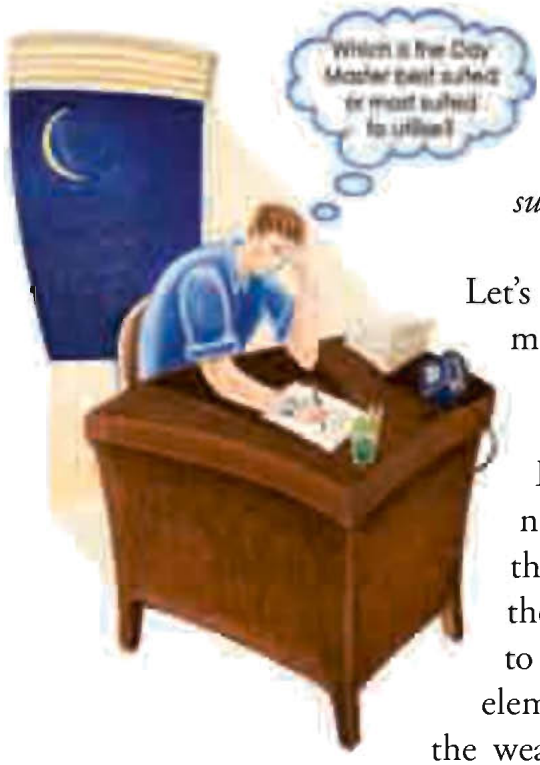
Favourable and Unfavourable Elements: The Next Level

By this point, you should have a much more well-developed idea of the concept of 'using' the Favourable Elements and a more grounded and realistic notion of how to manage the Unfavourable Elements. This is definitely a far cry from the level of practical usage that you would have been able to derive from just understanding the principle from The Destiny Code. In this section, I want to give you a broader idea of the practical application of the principle of Favourable and Unfavourable Elements.

In theory, strong Day Masters have three Favourable Elements and two Unfavourable Elements. Weak Day Masters have two Favourable Elements and three Unfavourable Elements. So on the face of it, strong Day Masters have an edge over weak Day Masters because the strong Day Master has one extra Favourable Element that they can lean on. However, there may well be instances wherein a Favourable Element turns out to be unusable or just unavailable due to a Missing Element. So, it is not always the case that strong Day Masters have the leg up by way of having more options when it comes to Favourable Elements. When it comes to Favourable Elements, we must first ask ourselves if the Favourable Elements are all *present* in the chart. Next, our inquiry must turn to the question of whether or not the Favourable Elements are all actually *usable*.





And then finally, we look at the question of amongst the present and usable Favourable Elements, which is the Day Master *best suited or most suited to utilise*?

Let's explore these three questions at a macro level.

Once we have identified the Favourable Elements of a chart, the first thing that needs to be done is to see if any of the Favourable Elements are missing. In theory, a strong Day Master is less likely to be negatively affected by a missing element than a weak Day Master since the weak Day Master already has a reduced number of Favourable Elements. In other words, a weak Day Master with one missing Favourable Element still has two left in the bag whilst the weak Day Master, if missing a Favourable Element, is only left with one option and one option alone. This however, is a very simplistic way of looking at things and ignores the fundamental rule in BaZi that missing elements are not a feature that we want to see in a BaZi chart.

It also ignores the fact that *quality* is a vital part of the assessment when it comes to Favourable Elements, as this partially impacts on the element's *usability*. For example, let's say we have a strong Day Master with one missing Favourable Element (out of a possible three favourable Elements) and a weak Day Master with one missing Favourable Element (out

of a possible two favourable Elements). The strong Day Master may not come out better simply because it may be saddled with one poor quality Favourable Element and a second unusable Favourable Element. The weak Day Master on the other hand, may only have one Favourable Element but that Favourable Element is of excellent quality, and is extremely usable by the Day Master.

時 Hour	日 Day	月 Month	年 Year	
偏財 IW 戊 Wu Yang Earth	日元 DM 甲 Jia Yang Wood	傷官 HO 丁 Ding Yin Fire	比肩 F 甲 Jia Yang Wood	天干 Heavenly Stems
辰 Chen **Dragon** Yang Earth	子 Zi **Rat** Yang Water	卯 Mao **Rabbit** Yin Wood	子 Zi **Rat** Yang Water	地支 Earthly Branches
癸 Gui - Water 印 DR; 戊 Wu + Earth 才 IW; 乙 Yi - Wood 劫 RW	癸 Gui - Water 印 DR	乙 Yi - Wood 劫 RW	癸 Gui - Water 印 DR	藏干 Hidden Stems

This is a Jia 甲 Wood Day Master, born in the month of Rabbit 卯 (Mao), which is part of the season of Spring, when Wood is the dominant element. Thus, this Day Master would be considered a strong Day Master. A Strong Day Master favours the Wealth, Output and Influence Elements, represented here by Earth, Fire and Metal respectively. Earth and Fire are present in this chart, but Metal is completely absent. Thus, this strong Day Master only has two Favourable Elements present in the chart.

Have you ever seen a big tree successfully grow on a rocky mountain?

The element of Earth, although rooted, is not considered usable here because Jia 甲 Wood does not utilise Wu Earth very effectively – have you ever seen a big tree successfully grow on a rocky mountain? Further, in Spring, Earth is considered weak, due to excessive control by the element of Wood.

Fire is also a weak element in this chart – not only is Fire not a Dominant Element, but the Ding Fire in this chart is not adequately supported. In Advanced BaZi, you will learn that Ding Fire always requires the presence of the Resource Element as the candle always needs to have source in order to keep burning. The Ding 丁 Fire located on the Month Stem cannot make use of the Yi 乙 Wood (which is the Resource Element of Ding Fire) in the chart. The Yi Wood located in the sub-Qi of the Dragon 辰 (Chen) is deeply hidden inside the Dragon Earthly Branch.

時 Hour	日 Day	月 Month	年 Year	
偏財 IW 戊 Wu Yang Earth	日元 DM 甲 Jia Yang Wood	傷官 HO 丁 Ding Yin Fire	比肩 F 甲 Jia Yang Wood	天干 Heavenly Stems
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癸 Gui - Water 印 DR; 戊 Wu + Earth 才 IW; 乙 Yi - Wood 劫 RW	癸 Gui - Water 印 DR	乙 Yi - Wood 劫 RW	癸 Gui - Water 印 DR	藏干 Hidden Stems

Meanwhile, the Yi 乙 Wood located inside the Rabbit 卯 (Mao) Earthly Branch is affected by an Uncivilised Punishment from the two Rat 子 (Zi) Earthly Branches flanking the Rabbit (Mao) Earthly Branch. In pictoral BaZi, the Yi Wood inside the Rabbit (Mao) Earthly Branch is considered wet wood due to the effect of the two Rat (Zi) Branches and so cannot be effectively utilised as Resource by the Ding Fire.

Applying an advanced level of analysis to this chart, the element that is actually most needed is the element of Metal as this will help to control the excess Wood in the chart. However, that element is not present in this chart.

Here we have an example of a strong Day Master with two out of three of its Favourable Elements present in the chart. The Day Master already starts out disadvantaged since the most needed of the three Favourable Elements, namely Metal, is not present. The remaining two Favourable Elements are either not very usable by the Day Master or of poor quality.

Contrast this to the example below:

時 Hour	日 Day	月 Month	年 Year	
傷官 HO 戊 Wu Yang Earth	日元 DM 丁 Ding Yin Fire	食神 EG 己 Ji Yin Earth	正財 DW 庚 Geng Yang Metal	天干 Heavenly Stems
申 Shen **Monkey** Yang Metal	卯 Mao **Rabbit** Yin Wood	丑 Chou **Ox** Yin Earth	子 Zi **Rat** Yang Water	地支 Earthly Branches
戊 Wu + Earth 傷 HO; 庚 Geng + Metal 財 DW; 壬 Ren + Water 官 DO	乙 Yi - Wood 卩 IR	辛 Xin - Metal 才 IW; 己 Ji - Earth 食 EG; 癸 Gui - Water 殺 7K	癸 Gui - Water 殺 7K	藏干 Hidden Stems

This is a Ding 丁 Fire Day Master, born in the month of Ox 丑 (Chou), which is part of the season of Winter, when Water is the dominant element. This Day Master would be considered a weak Day Master. A weak Day Master favours the Resource and Companion Elements, represented here by Wood and Fire respectively. Wood is present in this chart but Fire is not so this Day Master has no choice but to utilise the Resource Element.

In Advanced BaZi, Ding Fire prefers to use the Resource Element rather than the Companion Element, as the candle always requires source in order to keep the fire alive. As such, although this weak Day Master is hampered by the presence of only one of its two Favourable Elements, it has the Favourable Element that COUNTS because it is a Favourable Element that the Day Master is actually able to use and prefers to use.

The point that these two examples illustrate is that the numbers game (three Favourable Elements vs two Favourable Elements) is only superficially significant. In theory the strong Day Master has more 'weapons' at its disposal so to speak because of a larger array of Favourable Elements. But just because you have a gun, doesn't mean you know how to fire it or for that matter, if you actually can hit the target. Sometimes, all you need is a silver bullet. As I have always said: **quality matters**. You don't need three Favourable Elements necessarily – one really good quality or highly usable Favourable Element trumps three average quality Favourable Elements any day. The quality of an Element (favourable or unfavourable) will be extensively explored in the next *Power of X* book, where I will show you how to evaluate the quality of each of the individual Five Elements within a given BaZi chart.

Finally, an element can be of quality and accordingly usable, but that does not necessarily mean it is *useful* to the Day Master, given the circumstances of the chart. Take a look at this advanced example:

時 Hour	日 Day	月 Month	年 Year	
偏印 IR 壬 Ren Yang Water	日元 DM 甲 Jia Yang Wood	七殺 7K 庚 Geng Yang Metal	正官 DO 辛 Xin Yin Metal	天干 Heavenly Stems
申 Shen **Monkey** Yang Metal	寅 Yin **Tiger** Yang Wood	子 Zi **Rat** Yang Water	亥 Hai **Pig** Yin Water	地支 Earthly Branches
戊 Wu + Earth 才 IW; 庚 Geng + Metal 殺 7K; 壬 Ren + Water 印 IR	戊 Wu + Earth 才 IW; 甲 Jia + Wood 比 F; 丙 Bing + Fire 食 EG	癸 Gui - Water 印 DR	壬 Ren + Water 印 IR; 甲 Jia + Wood 比 F	藏干 Hidden Stems

This is a Jia 甲 Wood Day Master, born in the month of Rat 子 (Zi), which is part of the season of Winter, when Water is the dominant element. Winter is the secondary support season for Wood, thus this Day Master would be considered a strong Day Master. A Strong Day Master favours the Wealth, Output and Influence Elements, represented here by Earth, Fire and Metal respectively. Earth, Fire and Metal are present in this chart.

In this chart, the element of Earth, which represents the Wealth Element, is weak. This is because it is not supported by the season of birth and there is an excess of Water, which represents the element that controls Earth. Thus, Earth would not be regarded as of good quality in this chart or very usable. The element of Fire, although hidden inside the Growth Branch of Tiger 寅 (Yin), is weakened as a result of

the Tiger-Monkey Clash between the Day and Hour Earthly Branches. Metal is the only usable element here, as it is at the very least rooted in the Monkey (Shen), but even then, it would be regarded as only 'barely' usable.

However, Metal, whilst usable, is not actually **useful** to this chart. This is because Metal in fact is strengthening the Unfavourable Element, which is Water. Water is the Resource Element of Jia Wood and strong Day Masters do not favour the Resource Element.

Thus, the quality of a Favourable Element is only as good as its usability and usefulness, specifically its usability by the particular Day Master in question and its usefulness to the Day Master in the context of the chart.

This is how the principle of Favourable and Unfavourable Elements is applied in tandem with the broader principles that relate to the individual 10 Stems outlined in 滴天髓 Di Tian Sui and a more sophisticated understanding of the Five Elements cycles.

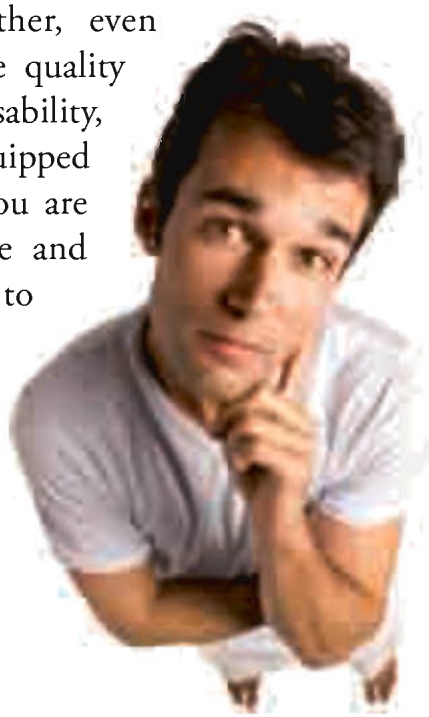
For example, in theory, a weak Day Master favours the Resource Star. But, not all the 10 Stems utilise the Resource Star equally well. Metal Day Masters for example, are less adept at using the Resource Star than say, Wood Day Masters. This is because in the study of the Five Elements, Earth doesn't *necessarily* produce Metal or strengthen it. You can't put earth on a hunk of Metal and make it stronger. By contrast, Water does strengthen and produce Wood because watering a tree will make it grow.

At a more advanced level, we also extend the inquiry of the Favourable Elements to the question of specifically which variant of the Element (the Yin or Yang) is more usable. For example, for a strong Ren Water Day Master, the Wealth Element (represented by Fire) is a Favourable Element. But is Bing Fire or Ding Fire *more* favourable? This would determine if the Ren Water person would be better served in employment (Direct Wealth) or running their own business (Indirect Wealth). Of course, in some instances, the chart will make this decision for you.The particular chart may only have Ding Fire and no Bing Fire or vice versa so the question of choice becomes moot. Or perhaps the quality of the Ding Fire in the chart is not as good as the Bing Fire, thereby automatically making Bing Fire the preferred choice. However, where the chart contains both Bing and Ding Fire, the more favourable element of the two Fire elements needs to be determined for greater accuracy and precision when it comes to taking exact action.

At this stage, it will not be beneficial for you to muddle or confuse your understanding of the Favourable and Unfavourable Element principle by trying to work out which of your Favourable Elements is of good quality and which of the Yin-Yang variant of the good quality Favourable Elements is more usable. For now, you want to focus on getting the hang of thinking in terms of the 10 Gods when it comes to the Favourable and Unfavourable Elements, and also, thinking in practical terms when it comes to using the Favourable

Elements and managing the Unfavourable Elements. The purpose of bringing the concept of element quality and element usability into the equation is to place on the fringe of your awareness, the recognition that there is yet more to consider in the application of the Favourable and Unfavourable Element principle. So be prepared for me to revisit this topic again in future *Power of X* books.

This doesn't mean of course that whatever you have learnt in this chapter is of no use or no practical application. As I said, the whole point of this chapter is to get you THINKING about Favourable and Unfavourable Elements in particular way, specifically in terms of People, Matters, Character Attributes, Action and the 10 Gods. Further, even without the ability to discern the quality of a Favourable Element and its usability, the fact is that you are now equipped with the understanding of how you are supposed to apply the Favourable and Unfavourable Element principle to your life, in a way that is practical and most importantly, do-able.



Start thinking about Favourable and Unfavourable Elements in a particular way.

滴天髓

Di Tian Sui

Favourable and Unfavourable Elements and The Big BaZi Picture

Favourable and Unfavourable Elements is one of those principles in BaZi that is something of a half-way house. It remains a key basic principle but at the same time, it is superseded by other principles, such as the Useful God and Regulating Useful God as well as the principles relating to the specific nature of each Day Master, as outlined in the BaZi classic 滴天髓 Di Tian Sui. As such, when you are applying the principle of Favourable and Unfavourable Elements to the analysis of a BaZi chart, do not to take it to extremes. It is a good basic method of evaluating a chart and developing a snapshot understanding of an individual's BaZi but it remains a basic method. It is not the be-all-and-end-all when it comes to evaluating a BaZi or providing advice to someone on how to achieve their dreams or solve their problems.

Let me explain what I mean by not taking things to extremes.

There will always be certain people and places which co-relate with every person's Unfavourable Elements. In the case of the weak Ding Fire in the example, assuming it is a male individual, amongst the persons regarded as Unfavourable are the spouse (and the girlfriend) along with the father. The practice of using the Favourable Element and by extension, managing the use of the Unfavourable Element should be done with common sense and most importantly, reasonableness. Obviously, it would be absurd to advise someone to avoid all contact with their father, avoid getting married or avoid relationships with the opposite sex.

However, it may be pertinent for this person to be judicious in taking advice from his father for example – the advice may well not pan out or work for him or prove ultimately helpful. Similarly, it would be unwise for this person to work with their father if they can help it or start a business with their wife or girlfriend. Now it goes without saying that there are going to be instances or circumstances where this is unavoidable – for example, if a person works in a family business, they are highly likely to be working with or for their father, and in some instances, their wife may also be involved in the business.

Professional BaZi consultants must operate in the real world, not in the theoretical elementally ideal world. To maintain credibility, we must be able to advise our clients based on what is pragmatic, practical and do-able rather than extremes or ideals that are not achievable. There are always going to be circumstances or situations which DO NOT represent the elemental utopian ideal. For example, when a client has the

Wealth Element as their Unfavourable Element and they are running a business with their father or wife. Or a client who has the Resource Element as their Unfavourable Element and the client happens to be running a business with their mother or working for their mother. The goal in such instances is to see what can be done by way of alterations and changes that are reasonable and attainable and which serve to avoid making things more challenging or difficult whilst preserving the relationships and business demands at stake.

As I have said, the principle of Favourable and Unfavourable Elements can and usually is superseded by other principles. Accordingly, there **are** exceptions to the application of the Unfavourable and Favourable Elements principle at a more advanced and sophisticated level of BaZi analysis. For example, although the principle of Favourable and Unfavourable Elements indicates that weak Day Masters should not use the Output Element, there will be circumstances where Output is not just used, but *should* be used. As will become evident to you as you make your way through the next few chapters, it is not expedient to take things to extremes when it comes to the Favourable and Unfavourable Elements.

This is not the only way to skin the cat as it were.

Students of BaZi may then wonder: why are we jumping through the hoop of Favourable and Unfavourable Elements if it is superseded by other principles? In other words – why don't we just get to the real stuff?

用神

Useful God

It is not possible for students of BaZi to immediately leapfrog into utilising principles like Useful God and Regulating Useful God without first having learned to apply Favourable and Unfavourable Elements. Firstly, there will be charts when the principle of Favourable and Unfavourable Elements serves as a useful start point for the inquiry and analysis, before the other principles come into play. Secondly, learning to narrow down specifically WHICH of the Favourable and Unfavourable Elements can actually be used by the Day Master or is best used by the Day Master does in part involve delving into issues like Useful God, Regulating Useful God, advanced Five Elements and fundamentals of the Day Masters, as outlined in Di Tian Sui. So there is already a step being taken towards comprehending and utilising the more advanced concepts by way of applying the Favourable and Unfavourable Elements principle in a more sophisticated manner.

Nonetheless, just because a particular principle may have a reduced applicability at a higher level of analysis and interpretation doesn't mean that it should be ignored or isn't relevant. Ultimately, the principle of Favourable and Unfavourable Elements must be viewed as part of the essential BaZi toolkit – an important preliminary method of evaluating and analysing a BaZi.

In the next section, I have a Walkthrough that will demonstrate how to apply the Favourable and Unfavourable Element principle. However, before you go through the Walkthrough, spend a few minutes thinking about your own chart, your Favourable and Unfavourable Elements and how you should look to utilise your Favourable Element.

My Favourable Elements are: _____

The Yin and Yang Variants of My Favourable Elements are: _____ and _____

Characteristics	People	Places	Matters

Characteristics	People	Places	Matters

Now do the same with your Unfavourable Elements. Establish what are your Unfavourable Elements and determine what you should NOT be doing so as minimise the effects of your Unfavourable Elements on your chart.

My Unfavourable Elements are: _____

The Yin and Yang Variants of My Unfavourable Elements are: _____ and _____

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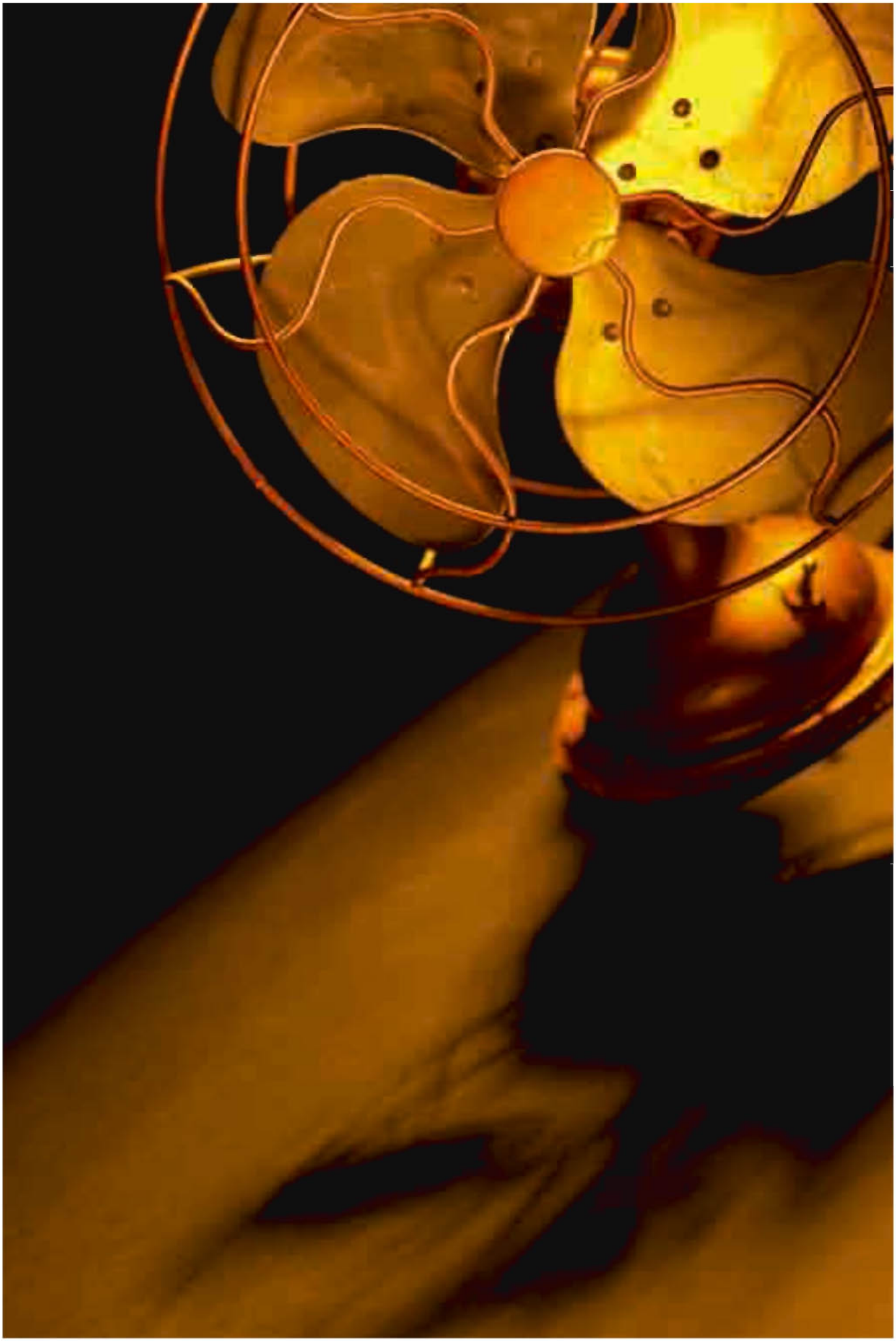


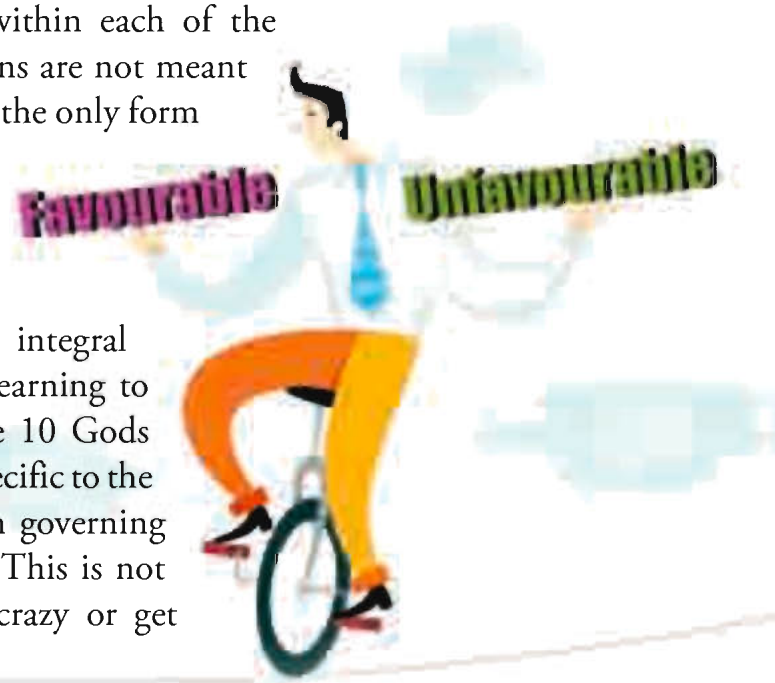
Chapter 5

Applying Favourable & Unfavourable Elements with the 10 Gods – Walk Through

In this section, I will walk you through some examples and show you a step-by-step approach to applying the principle of Favourable and Unfavourable Elements, with the added dimension of the 10 Gods. The idea is for you to become familiar with the notion of *using* the Favourable Element and *managing* the Unfavourable Element by taking practical, realistic and grounded action.

Now that you have an expanded and more detailed understanding of the principle of Favourable and Unfavourable Elements, you should be focusing ultimately on taking action because that is how we make use of the information and analysis we get from our BaZi charts. I want you to focus your attention on DOING, not just KNOWING. That's why the Walk Through methodology concludes with coming up with THREE specific actions that can be undertaken to either use the Favourable Elements or manage the Unfavourable Elements.

A quick word on the three specific actions to be taken that have been provided within each of the examples here – these actions are not meant to be definitive or represent the only form of action that can be taken. Rather, the most common and simple possibilities have been selected for the three specific actions. An integral part of mastering BaZi is learning to develop solutions using the 10 Gods and developing solutions specific to the circumstances and situation governing the individual in question. This is not obviously a license to go crazy or get



inventive but in the same vein, you should be always going back to the 10 Gods and thinking about what other actions can be taken based on the principles, values and broad concepts that each of the 10 Gods encapsulates or represents.

A number of advanced examples have also been included in this Chapter. This is because the application of the principle of Favourable and Unfavourable Elements is theoretically straightforward but requires more lateral thinking when it comes to ACTUAL application. The advanced examples have also been included to illustrate for you the importance of appreciating that whilst the principle of Favourable and Unfavourable Elements is an important basic method for analysing a BaZi chart, the principle must be able to co-exist with more advanced principles of analysis like the Useful God and the fundamentals of each of the 10 Day Masters.

These advanced examples nonetheless are not comprehensive and do not cover the full scope of how the Favourable and Unfavourable Elements principle interacts with more advanced BaZi analysis techniques. They are more of a taster, designed to ensure you have a holistic perspective of the principle of Favourable and Unfavourable Elements within the broader context of BaZi analysis.

Which is it: Favourable or Unfavourable?

Walk Through methodology

Here is the step-by-step approach to applying the principle of Favourable and Unfavourable Elements to a given BaZi chart.

1. Determine which elements represent the Five Factors based on the Day Master in question
2. Connect the relevant 10 Gods to each of the Five Factors
3. Establish the Strength of the Day Master
4. Establish the Favourable and Unfavourable Elements
5. Analyse the individual Favourable and Unfavourable Elements to determine if any of the Favourable or Unfavourable Elements are missing, and which Yin-Yang variant of each of the Favourable and Unfavourable Elements is present.
6. Identify 3 actions that can be undertaken to utilise the Favourable Elements
7. Identify 3 actions that can be undertaken to manage the Unfavourable Elements

Example #1:

時 Hour	日 Day	月 Month	年 Year	
偏印 IR 壬 Ren Yang Water	日元 DM 甲 Jia Yang Wood	偏財 IW 戊 Wu Yang Earth	七殺 7K 庚 Geng Yang Metal	天干 Heavenly Stems
申 Shen **Monkey** Yang Metal	辰 Chen **Dragon** Yang Earth	寅 Yin **Tiger** Yang Wood	戌 Xu **Dog** Yang Earth	地支 Earthly Branches
戊 Wu + Earth 才 IW; 庚 Geng + Metal 殺 7K; 壬 Ren + Water 卩 IR	癸 Gui - Water 印 DR; 戊 Wu + Earth 才 IW; 乙 Yi - Wood 劫 RW	戊 Wu + Earth 才 IW; 甲 Jia + Wood 比 F; 丙 Bing + Fire 食 EG	丁 Ding - Fire 傷 HO; 戊 Wu + Earth 才 IW; 辛 Xin - Metal 官 DO	藏干 Hidden Stems

Step 1: Determine which elements represent the Five Factors based on the Day Master in question.

This is a Jia 甲 Wood Day Master

Five Factor	Element	10 Gods
財星 Wealth	土 **Earth**	
食傷 Output	火 **Fire**	
官殺 Influence	金 **Metal**	
印星 Resource	水 **Water**	
比劫 Companion	木 **Wood**	

Step 2: Connect the relevant 10 Gods to each of the Five Factors

Here, we want to determine the specific 10 Gods that connect to each of the elements that make up the Five Factors and also identify the specific Stem that connects to each 10 God.

Five Factor	Element	10 Gods
財星 Wealth	土 **Earth**	Direct Wealth 己 Indirect Wealth 戊
食傷 Output	火 **Fire**	Hurting Officer 丁 Eating God 丙
官殺 Influence	金 **Metal**	Direct Officer 辛 7 Killings 庚
印星 Resource	水 **Water**	Direct Resource 癸 Indirect Resource 壬
比劫 Companion	木 **Wood**	Rob Wealth 乙 Friend 甲

Step 3: Establish the Strength of the Day Master

This Jia 甲 Wood Day Master is born in month of Tiger 寅 (Yin) which is the season of Spring, where Wood is the dominant and most prosperous element. The season of birth makes the Day Master a strong Day Master.

時 Hour	日 Day	月 Month	年 Year	
偏印 IR 壬 Ren Yang Water	日元 DM 甲 Jia Yang Wood	偏財 IW 戊 Wu Yang Earth	七殺 7K 庚 Geng Yang Metal	天干 Heavenly Stems
申 Shen **Monkey** Yang Metal	辰 Chen **Dragon** Yang Earth	寅 Yin **Tiger** Yang Wood	戌 Xu **Dog** Yang Earth	地支 Earthly Branches
戊 Wu + Earth 才 IW 庚 Geng + Metal 殺 7K 壬 Ren + Water 卩 IR	癸 Gui - Water 印 DR 戊 Wu + Earth 才 IW 乙 Yi - Wood 劫 RW	戊 Wu + Earth 才 IW 甲 Jia + Wood 比 F 丙 Bing + Fire 食 EG	丁 Ding - Fire 傷 HO 戊 Wu + Earth 才 IW 辛 Xin - Metal 官 DO	藏干 Hidden Stems

Step 4: Establish the Favourable and Unfavourable Elements

A strong Day Master favours the Wealth, Output and Influence Elements. So we know that for this Jia 甲 Wood Day Master, the Favourable Elements are Earth (Wu 戊 and Ji 己), Fire (Bing 丙 and Ding 丁) and Metal (Geng 庚 and Xin 辛). The Unfavourable Elements are Resource and Companion Elements, which are represented by Water (Ren 壬 and Gui 癸) and Wood (Jia 甲 and Yi 乙) respectively.

Five Factor	Element	10 Gods	Favourable/ Unfavourable
財星 Wealth	土 Earth	Direct Wealth 己 Indirect Wealth 戊	Favourable
食傷 Output	火 Fire	Hurting Officer 丁 Eating God 丙	Favourable
官殺 Influence	金 Metal	Direct Officer 辛 7 Killings 庚	Favourable
印星 Resource	水 Water	Direct Resource 癸 Indirect Resource 壬	Unfavourable
比劫 Companion	木 Wood	Rob Wealth 乙 Friend 甲	Unfavourable

Step 5: Analyse the individual Favourable and Unfavourable Elements to determine if any of the Favourable or Unfavourable Elements are missing, and which Yin-Yang variant of each of the Favourable and Unfavourable Elements is present.

時 Hour	日 Day	月 Month	年 Year	
偏印 IR 壬 Ren Yang Water	日元 DM 甲 Jia Yang Wood	偏財 IW 戊 Wu Yang Earth	七殺 7K 庚 Geng Yang Metal	天干 Heavenly Stems
申 Shen Monkey Yang Metal	辰 Chen Dragon Yang Earth	寅 Yin Tiger Yang Wood	戌 Xu Dog Yang Earth	地支 Earthly Branches
戊 Wu + Earth 才 IW; 庚 Geng + Metal 殺 7K; 壬 Ren + Water 印 IR	癸 Gui - Water 印 DR; 戊 Wu + Earth 才 IW; 乙 Yi - Wood 劫 RW	戊 Wu + Earth 才 IW; 甲 Jia + Wood 比 F; 丙 Bing + Fire 食 EG	丁 Ding - Fire 傷 HO; 戊 Wu + Earth 才 IW; 辛 Xin - Metal 官 DO	十 Hidden Stems 藏

In this chart, the element of Earth is present thus the Wealth Element is present. However, only the Indirect Wealth Star (戊) is present. As such, this strong Jia Wood Day Master can only utilise the Indirect Wealth Star by way of utilising the Wealth Element.

In this chart, the element of Fire is present thus the Output Element is present. Both the Hurting Officer Star (丙) and Eating God Star (丁) are present. This means that this strong Jia Wood Day Master can utilise both the Output Stars by way of using the Output Element.

In this chart, the element of Metal is present thus the Influence Element is present. Both the Direct Officer Star (辛) and 7 Killings Star (庚) are present. This strong Jia Wood Day Master can utilise both the Influence Stars by way of using the Influence Element.

In this chart, the element of Water is present thus the Resource Element is present. Both the Direct Resource Star (癸) and Indirect Resource Star (壬) are present. These two Stars need to be actively managed by the Day Master to minimise the effect of the Resource Element as one of the Unfavourable Elements.

In this chart, the element of Wood is present thus the Companion Element is present. Both the Rob Wealth Star (乙) and Friend Star (甲) are present. These two Stars need to be actively managed by the Day Master to minimise the effect of the Companion Element as it is one of the Unfavourable Elements.

Step 6: Identify 3 actions that can be undertaken to utilise the Favourable Elements

- Since the Indirect Wealth Star is a favourable Star, this person can consider working for their father but a career that requires entrepreneurial skills or starting their own business is also a way to utilise the Indirect Wealth Star. Alternatively, they should seek out the advice of their father (or paternal figures) whenever they have difficulties.
- As the Influence Element is favourable, this person should try to always take a leadership role or strive to exhibit leadership in the workplace.
- If this person cannot utilise the Output Element in their job such as working in a creative industry or in a creative job or in a role that requires innovation, then he or she should strive to have hobbies or pastimes or engage in recreational activities that require performance, creativity and showmanship such as dancing, karaoke, cooking or handicrafts.

Step 7: Identify 3 actions that can be undertaken to manage the Unfavourable Elements

- Avoid over-thinking issues and situations. Resource represents thinking and doing research. Since this element is Unfavourable, there is usually an inclination towards thinking too hard or too much about important matters or decisions. Specifically in this chart, the Resource Element is a Dominant Characteristic so there is a need to be careful of procrastinating tendencies and avoid procrastination generally.

- As the Companion Element is unfavourable, collaborating with people is generally not advantageous to this Day Master. Any collaboration or joint-ventures therefore should be undertaken only if the entire enterprise is governed by a legal agreement as well as proper terms of reference. If you must participate in a joint-venture, make sure it has a sunset component to it or operate on strictly a project-to-project basis. Finally, keep the number of partners (including silent ones) down to a minimum. There is often a tendency for strong Day Masters that also have the Companion Element (either the Friend or Rob Wealth Star) as a Dominant Element to make poor choices when it comes to partnerships or to seek out partnerships for the wrong reasons. As such, it is important to ensure that any partner that comes aboard brings a clear and distinct strategic value with them. Only ever partner with an individual who is passionate, competent and who has an outlook or an attitude that compliments yours.

- Spend more time at work, less time socialising. The Rob Wealth Star is not favourable, so hanging out with friends isn't going to get this person anywhere. They will not secure any work or business through networking. Conversely the Wealth Element and Output Element (both which relate to working and productivity) is favourable, denoting the more the person works, the better things will work out for them.

Example #2:

時 Hour	日 Day	月 Month	年 Year	
正財 DW 甲 Jia Yang Wood	日元 DM 辛 Xin Yin Metal	正財 DW 甲 Jia Yang Wood	食神 EG 癸 Gui Yin Water	天干 Heavenly Stems
午 Wu Horse Yang Fire	巳 Si Snake Yin Fire	寅 Yin Tiger Yang Wood	卯 Mao Rabbit Yin Wood	地支 Earthly Branches
丁 Ding - Fire 殺 7K; 己 Ji - Earth 卩 IR	庚 Geng + Metal 劫 RW; 丙 Bing + Fire 官 DO; 戊 Wu + Earth 印 DR	戊 Wu + Earth 印 DR; 甲 Jia + Wood 財 DW; 丙 Bing + Fire 官 DO	乙 Yi - Wood 才 IW	藏干 Hidden Stems

Step 1: Determine which elements represent the Five Factors based on the Day Master in question.

This is a Xin 辛 Metal Day Master.

Five Factor	Element	10 Gods
財星 Wealth	木 Wood	
食傷 Output	水 Water	
官殺 Influence	火 Fire	
印星 Resource	土 Earth	
比劫 Companion	金 Metal	

Step 2: Connect the relevant 10 Gods to each of the Five Factors

Here, we want to determine the specific 10 Gods that connect to each of the elements that make up the Five Factors and also identify the specific Stem that connects to each 10 God.

Five Factor	Element	10 Gods
財星 Wealth	木 **Wood**	Direct Wealth 甲 Indirect Wealth 乙
食傷 Output	水 **Water**	Hurting Officer 壬 Eating God 癸
官殺 Influence	火 **Fire**	Direct Officer 丙 7 Killings 丁
印星 Resource	土 **Earth**	Direct Resource 戊 Indirect Resource 己
比劫 Companion	金 **Metal**	Rob Wealth 庚 Friend 辛

Step 3: Establish the Strength of the Day Master

This Xin 辛 Metal Day Master is born in month of Tiger 寅 (Yin) which is the season of Spring, where Wood is the dominant and most prosperous element. The season of birth makes the Day Master a weak Day Master.

時 Hour	日 Day	月 Month	年 Year	
正財 DW 甲 Jia Yang Wood	日元 DM 辛 Xin Yin Metal	正財 DW 甲 Jia Yang Wood	食神 EG 癸 Gui Yin Water	天干 Heavenly Stems
午 Wu **Horse** Yang Fire	巳 Si **Snake** Yin Fire	寅 Yin **Tiger** Yang Wood	卯 Mao **Rabbit** Yin Wood	地支 Earthly Branches
丁 Ding - Fire 殺 7K; 己 Ji - Earth 卩 IR	庚 Geng + Metal 劫 RW; 丙 Bing + Fire 官 DO; 戊 Wu + Earth 印 DR	戊 Wu + Earth 印 DR; 甲 Jia + Wood 財 DW; 丙 Bing + Fire 官 DO	乙 Yi - Wood 才 IW	藏干 Hidden Stems

Step 4: Establish the Favourable and Unfavourable Elements

A weak Day Master favours the Resource and Companion Elements. So we know that for this Xin 辛 Metal Day Master, the Favourable Elements are Earth (Wu 戊 and Ji 己) and Metal (Geng 庚 and Xin 辛). The Unfavourable Elements are the Wealth, Output and Influence Elements, which are represented by Wood (Jia 甲 and Yi 乙), Water (Ren 壬 and Gui 癸) and Fire (Bing 丙 and Ding 丁) respectively.

Five Factor	Element	10 Gods	Favourable/ Unfavourable
財星 Wealth	木 Wood	Direct Wealth 甲 Indirect Wealth 乙	Unfavourable
食傷 Output	水 Water	Hurting Officer 壬 Eating God 癸	Unfavourable
官殺 Influence	火 Fire	Direct Officer 丙 7 Killings 丁	Unfavourable
印星 Resource	土 Earth	Direct Resource 戊 Indirect Resource 己	Favourable
比劫 Companion	金 Metal	Rob Wealth 庚 Friend 辛	Favourable

Step 5: Analyse the individual Favourable and Unfavourable Elements to determine if any of the Favourable or Unfavourable Elements are missing, and which Yin-Yang variant of each of the Favourable and Unfavourable Elements is present.

時 Hour	日 Day	月 Month	年 Year	
正財 DW 甲 Jia Yang Wood	日元 DM 辛 Xin Yin Metal	正財 DW 甲 Jia Yang Wood	食神 EG 癸 Gui Yin Water	天干 Heavenly Stems
午 Wu **Horse** Yang Fire	巳 Si **Snake** Yin Fire	寅 Yin **Tiger** Yang Wood	卯 Mao **Rabbit** Yin Wood	地支 Earthly Branches
丁 Ding - Fire 殺 7K; 己 Ji - Earth 卩 IR	庚 Geng + Metal 劫 RW; 丙 Bing + Fire 官 DO; 戊 Wu + Earth 印 DR	戊 Wu + Earth 印 DR; 甲 Jia + Wood 財 DW; 丙 Bing + Fire 官 DO	乙 Yi - Wood 才 IW	藏干 Hidden Stems

In this chart, the element of Earth is present thus the Resource Element is present. Both the Direct Resource Star (戊) and Indirect Resource Star (己) are present. This means that this weak Xin 辛 Metal Day Master can utilise both the Resource Stars by way of using the Resource Element.

In this chart, the element of Metal is present thus the Companion Element is present. However, only the Rob Wealth Star (庚) is present. As such, this weak Xin Metal Day Master can only utilise the Rob Wealth Star by way of utilising the Companion Element.

In this chart, the element of Wood is present thus the Wealth Element is present. Both the Direct Wealth Star (甲) and Indirect Wealth Star (乙) are present. These two Stars need to be actively managed by the Day Master to minimise the effect of the Wealth Element as it is one of the Unfavourable Elements.

In this chart, the element of Water is present thus the Output Element is present. However only the Eating God Star (癸) is present. This Star needs to be actively managed by the Day Master to minimise the effect of the Output Element as it is one of the Unfavourable Elements.

In this chart, the element of Fire is present thus the Influence Element is present. Both the Direct Officer Star (丙) and 7 Killings Star (丁) are present. These two Stars need to be actively managed by the Day Master to minimise the effect of the Influence Element as it is one of the Unfavourable Elements.

Step 6: Identify 3 actions that can be undertaken to utilise the Favourable Elements

- Collaboration, cooperation, joint-venture or team-work related business or work opportunities are ideal for this Xin Metal Day Master as the Companion Element is favourable. This person will thrive best as part of a team working within a competitive corporate environment or will do best when paired with a member of the opposite sex (as the Rob Wealth Star is the only Companion Element present). As the Rob Wealth Star specifically is present in the chart, it would be beneficial for this person to learn some public speaking skills and master the art of motivating and inspiring people.

- Important matters should always be given due deliberation, with a focus on thinking through the decision by way of using the Direct Resource Star. Information should always be gathered before making a decision.

- As the Indirect Resource Star is present in the chart and is a Favourable Element, this Xin Metal Day Master can utilise and will benefit from alternative therapies such as Reiki, aromatherapy, Chinese medicine or ayurvedic treatments to help boost and maintain health or to compliment conventional medical treatment for minor health problems.

Step 7: Identify 3 actions that can be undertaken to manage the Unfavourable Elements

- As the Wealth Star is unfavourable, working in a family owned business, especially if it involves working with his or her father, is not a good idea for this Xin Metal Day Master. Wealth management skills may also be a bit weak for this person so it is good for them to make more of an effort to master the intricacies of accounting or have good financial brains working with them or for them.

- This Xin Metal Day Master should avoid working in the Wood, Fire and Water Industries, by way of minimising contact with the Unfavourable Elements.

- As the Influence Element is an unfavourable element, work stress or an extremely taxing or high-adrenaline environment may not suit this Xin Metal Day Master. Since the Influence Element represents superiors and bosses, this Xin Metal Day Master may do better if they are in a job environment where they report or deal with 1-2 superiors only.

Advanced Examples and Walk-Through

In this section, I have included a few examples that are designed to show you how the application of the principle of Favourable and Unfavourable Elements is not always straightforward because sometimes, the strength of the Day Master is not obvious. The application of the principle is also sometimes complicated by realities of certain charts, such as where there is a Missing Element. There are also examples included in this section which are designed to show you how the principle of Favourable and Unfavourable Elements sometimes must make way or be superseded in order to satisfy a more important requirement, such as achieving elemental equilibrium in the chart. At other times, the Favourable and Unfavourable Elements list may not necessarily be in tandem with the higher principles which relate to the unique quality of each Day Master.

The idea here is not to make you question the Favourable and Unfavourable Element principle – it is a valid preliminary method of assessing a BaZi chart, and at times, can be very valuable in helping decode the chart. But there ARE other principles and considerations that come into the equation so whilst the Favourable and Unfavourable Elements re important, they are not the be-all-and-end-all of the analysis process.

In this section, I will work through each of the examples using the Walk Through methodology above and include an advanced analysis at the end of the more unusual examples.

Example #1:

時 Hour	日 Day	月 Month	年 Year	
比肩 F 壬 Ren Yang Water	日元 DM 壬 Ren Yang Water	偏財 IW 丙 Bing Yang Fire	食神 EG 甲 Jia Yang Wood	天干 Heavenly Stems
子 Zi Rat Yang Water	辰 Chen Dragon Yang Earth	子 Zi Rat Yang Water	子 Zi Rat Yang Water	地支 Earthly Branches
癸 Gui - Water 劫 RW	癸 Gui - Water 劫 RW / 戊 Wu + Earth 殺 7K / 乙 Yi - Wood 傷 HO	癸 Gui - Water 劫 RW	癸 Gui - Water 劫 RW	藏干 Hidden Stems

Step 1: Determine which elements represent the Five Factors based on the Day Master in question.

This is a Ren 壬 Water Day Master.

Five Factor	Element	10 Gods
財星 Wealth	火 Fire	
食傷 Output	木 Wood	
官殺 Influence	土 Earth	
印星 Resource	金 Metal	
比劫 Companion	水 Water	

Step 2: Connect the relevant 10 Gods to each of the Five Factors

Here, we want to determine the specific 10 Gods that connect to each of the elements that make up the Five Factors, and also identify the specific Stem that connects to each 10 God.

Five Factor	Element	10 Gods
財星 Wealth	火 Fire	Direct Wealth 丁 Indirect Wealth 丙
食傷 Output	木 Wood	Hurting Officer 乙 Eating God 甲
官殺 Influence	土 Earth	Direct Officer 己 7 Killings 戊
印星 Resource	金 Metal	Direct Resource 辛 Indirect Resource 庚
比劫 Companion	水 Water	Rob Wealth 癸 Friend 壬

Step 3: Establish the Strength of the Day Master

This Ren 壬 Water Day Master is born in month of Rat 子 (Zi), which is the season of Winter, where Water is the dominant and most prosperous element. The season of birth makes the Day Master a strong Day Master.

時 Hour	日 Day	月 Month	年 Year	
比肩 F 壬 Ren Yang Water	日元 DM 壬 Ren Yang Water	偏財 IW 丙 Bing Yang Fire	食神 EG 甲 Jia Yang Wood	天干 Heavenly Stems
子 Zi Rat Yang Water	辰 Chen Dragon Yang Earth	子 Zi Rat Yang Water	子 Zi Rat Yang Water	地支 Earthly Branches
癸 Gui - Water 劫 RW	癸 Gui - Water 劫 RW; 戊 Wu + Earth 殺 7K; 乙 Yi - Wood 傷 HO	癸 Gui - Water 劫 RW	癸 Gui - Water 劫 RW	藏干 Hidden Stems

Step 4: Establish the Favourable and Unfavourable Elements

A strong Day Master favours the Wealth, Output and Influence Elements. So we know that for this Ren 壬 Water Day Master, the Favourable Elements are Fire (Bing 丙 and Ding 丁), Wood (Jia 甲 and Yi 乙) and Earth (Wu 戊 and Ji 己). The Unfavourable Elements are the Resource and Companion Elements, which are represented by Metal (Geng 庚 and Xin 辛) and Water (Ren 壬 and Gui 癸) respectively.

Five Factor	Element	10 Gods	Favourable/ Unfavourable
財星 Wealth	火 Fire	Direct Wealth 丁 Indirect Wealth 丙	Favourable
食傷 Output	木 Wood	Hurting Officer 乙 Eating God 甲	Favourable
官殺 Influence	土 Earth	Direct Officer 己 7 Killings 戊	Favourable
印星 Resource	金 Metal	Direct Resource 辛 Indirect Resource 庚	Unfavourable
比劫 Companion	水 Water	Rob Wealth 癸 Friend 壬	Unfavourable

Step 5: Analyse the individual Favourable and Unfavourable Elements to determine if any of the Favourable or Unfavourable Elements are missing, and which Yin-Yang variant of each of the Favourable and Unfavourable Elements is present.

時 Hour	日 Day	月 Month	年 Year	
比肩 F 壬 Ren Yang Water	日元 DM 壬 Ren Yang Water	偏財 IW 丙 Bing Yang Fire	食神 EG 甲 Jia Yang Wood	天干 Heavenly Stems
子 Zi **Rat** Yang Water	辰 Chen **Dragon** Yang Earth	子 Zi **Rat** Yang Water	子 Zi **Rat** Yang Water	地支 Earthly Branches
癸 Gui - Water 劫 RW	癸 Gui - Water 劫 RW 戊 Wu + Earth 殺 7K 乙 Yi - Wood 傷 HO	癸 Gui - Water 劫 RW	癸 Gui - Water 劫 RW	藏干 Hidden Stems

In this chart, the element of Fire is present thus the Wealth Element is present. However, only the Indirect Wealth Star (丙) is present. As such, this strong Ren Water Day Master can only utilise the Indirect Wealth Star by way of utilising the Wealth Element.

In this chart, the element of Wood is present thus the Output Element is present. Both the Hurting Officer Star (甲) and Eating God Star (乙) are present. This means that this strong Ren 壬 Water Day Master can utilise both the Output Stars by way of using the Output Element.

In this chart, the element of Earth is present thus the Influence Element is present. However, only the 7 Killings Star (戊) is present. As such, this strong Ren Water Day Master can only utilise the 7 Killings Star by way of utilising the Influence Element.

In this chart, the element of Metal is not present thus the Resource Element not present. Whilst this means an Unfavourable Element is not present, it also means that this chart has the problem of a Missing Element.

In this chart, the element of Water is present thus the Companion Element is present. Both the Rob Wealth Star (癸) and Friend Star (壬) are present. These two Stars need to be actively managed by the Day Master to minimise the effect of the Companion Element as it is one of the Unfavourable Elements.

Step 6: Identify 3 actions that can be undertaken to utilise the Favourable Elements

- A high pressure environment or a job that involves a great deal of stress or working for a very demanding superior would suit this strong Ren Water Day Master as the Influence Element is favourable, specifically the 7 Killings Star.
- The Fire, Wood or Earth industries would be suitable industries for this Ren Water Day Master to work within.
- As the Output Stars are Favourable, this strong Ren Water Day Master should aim for a leadership position which involves supervising or overseeing staff by way of combining the Influence Element and Output Element's together in one equation.

Although the Indirect Wealth Star is considered a Favourable Star for this chart, it is arguable if this person is suited to an entrepreneurial career. The problem in this chart is that although the Star indicates an inclination towards an entrepreneurial career or starting one's own business, the Indirect Wealth Star in this chart would be considered weak, especially given the Hour of Birth, which is during the nocturnal hours. The Bing Fire in this chart is not

very bright and accordingly, not very strong. Further, it is not supported by any of the Branches. When the quality of the Star is weak, the character attributes of the Star will lean towards the negative rather than positive side. Which means this person will probably be a rather poor entrepreneur or business person, and have illusions of grandeur about their entrepreneurial capabilities. Thus, although it is one of the Favourable Elements, it is not a very usable Favourable Element or necessarily an effective Favourable Element.

All however is not lost – since the Indirect Wealth Star ultimately remains favourable for this person, they simply need to ensure that their job includes an element of the Indirect Wealth Star. Thus, this person should seek out a job that rewards entrepreneurialism – for example, a job where a component of the remuneration is in the form of commissions or a job which provides financial rewards based on performance.

Step 7: Identify 3 actions that can be undertaken to manage the Unfavourable Elements

- As the Friend and Rob Wealth Stars are unfavourable by virtue of the Companion Element being unfavourable, this Ren Water Day Master should avoid joining the family business (where he/she may have to work with siblings) or engage in a business venture with siblings.
- Joint-venture business partnerships do not suit this Day Master and he/she should avoid starting a business with more than one business partner.
- A job or a business in any Water-related industry is a definite no-no.

Since the Resource Element is not present in this chart, this would suggest that there is no need to actively manage the element. However, it is important to bear in mind that although the Resource Element is an Unfavourable Element, that does not mean that it should be *missing entirely*. As far as possible, we don't want a BaZi chart to have any missing elements. The fact that the element that is missing is an Unfavourable Element does not eliminate the disadvantage created by the absence of an element in the chart. The Resource Star, amongst other things, represents Noble People and the absence of this Star means that this Ren 壬 Water Day Master must negotiate the challenges of life without the advantage and help of mentors, Good Samaritans, and wise teachers.

Advanced Example #2

時 Hour	日 Day	月 Month	年 Year	
劫財 RW 戊 Wu Yang Earth	日元 DM 己 Ji Yin Earth	七殺 7K 乙 Yi Yin Wood	七殺 7K 乙 Yi Yin Wood	天干 Heavenly Stems
辰 Chen Dragon Yang Earth	卯 Mao Rabbit Yin Wood	酉 You Rooster Yin Metal	丑 Chou Ox Yin Earth	地支 Earthly Branches
癸 Gui - Water 才 IW; 戊 Wu + Earth 劫 RW; 乙 Yi - Wood 殺 7K	乙 Yi - Wood 殺 7K	辛 Xin - Metal 食 EG	辛 Xin - Metal 食 EG; 己 Ji - Earth 比 F; 癸 Gui - Water 才 IW	藏干 Hidden Stems

Step 1: Determine which elements represent the Five Factors based on the Day Master in question.

This is a Ji 己 Earth Day Master.

Five Factor	Element	10 Gods
財星 Wealth	水 Water	
食傷 Output	金 Metal	
官殺 Influence	木 Wood	
印星 Resource	火 Fire	
比劫 Companion	土 Earth	

Step 2: Connect the relevant 10 Gods to each of the Five Factors

Here, we want to determine the specific 10 Gods that connect to each of the elements that make up the Five Factors and also identify the specific Stem that connects to each 10 God.

Five Factor	Element	10 Gods
財星 Wealth	水 Water	Direct Wealth 壬 Indirect Wealth 癸
食傷 Output	金 Metal	Hurting Officer 庚 Eating God 辛
官殺 Influence	木 Wood	Direct Officer 甲 7 Killings 乙
印星 Resource	火 Fire	Direct Resource 丙 Indirect Resource 丁
比劫 Companion	土 Earth	Rob Wealth 戊 Friend 己

Step 3: Establish the Strength of the Day Master

This is the chart of a Ji 己 Earth Day Master, born in month of Rooster 酉 (You) which is the season of Autumn, where Metal is the dominant and most prosperous element. The season of birth makes the Day Master a weak Day Master.

時 Hour	日 Day	月 Month	年 Year	
劫財 RW 戊 Wu Yang Earth	日元 DM 己 Ji Yin Earth	七殺 7K 乙 Yi Yin Wood	七殺 7K 乙 Yi Yin Wood	天干 Heavenly Stems
辰 Chen **Dragon** Yang Earth	卯 Mao **Rabbit** Yin Wood	酉 You **Rooster** Yin Metal	丑 Chou **Ox** Yin Earth	地支 Earthly Branches
癸 Gui - Water 才 IW; 戊 Wu + Earth 劫 RW; 乙 Yi - Wood 殺 7K	乙 Yi - Wood 殺 7K	辛 Xin - Metal 食 EG	辛 Xin - Metal 食 EG; 己 Ji - Earth 比 F; 癸 Gui - Water 才 IW	藏干 Hidden Stems

Step 4: Establish the Favourable and Unfavourable Elements

A weak Day Master favours the Resource and Companion Elements. So we know that for this Ji 己 Earth Day Master, the Favourable Elements are Fire (Bing 丙 and Ding 丁) and Earth (Wu 戊 and Ji 己). The Unfavourable Elements are the Wealth, Output and Influence Elements, which are represented by Water (Ren 壬 and Gui 癸), Metal (Geng 庚 and Xin 辛) and Wood (Jia 甲 and Yi 乙) respectively.

Five Factor	Element	10 Gods	Favourable/ Unfavourable
財星 Wealth	水 Water	Direct Wealth 壬 Indirect Wealth 癸	Unfavourable
食傷 Output	金 Metal	Hurting Officer 庚 Eating God 辛	Unfavourable
官殺 Influence	木 Wood	Direct Officer 甲 7 Killings 乙	Unfavourable
印星 Resource	火 Fire	Direct Resource 丙 Indirect Resource 丁	Favourable
比劫 Companion	土 Earth	Rob Wealth 戊 Friend 己	Favourable

Step 5: Analyse the individual Favourable and Unfavourable Elements to determine if any of the Favourable or Unfavourable Elements are missing, and which Yin-Yang variant of each of the Favourable and Unfavourable Elements is present.

時 Hour	日 Day	月 Month	年 Year	
劫財 RW 戊 Wu Yang Earth	日元 DM 己 Ji Yin Earth	七殺 7K 乙 Yi Yin Wood	七殺 7K 乙 Yi Yin Wood	天干 Heavenly Stems
辰 Chen Dragon Yang Earth	卯 Mao Rabbit Yin Wood	酉 You Rooster Yin Metal	丑 Chou Ox Yin Earth	地支 Earthly Branches
癸 Gui - Water 才 IW; 戊 Wu + Earth 劫 RW; 乙 Yi - Wood 殺 7K	乙 Yi - Wood 殺 7K	辛 Xin - Metal 食 EG	辛 Xin - Metal 食 EG; 己 Ji - Earth 比 F; 癸 Gui - Water 才 IW	藏干 Hidden Stems

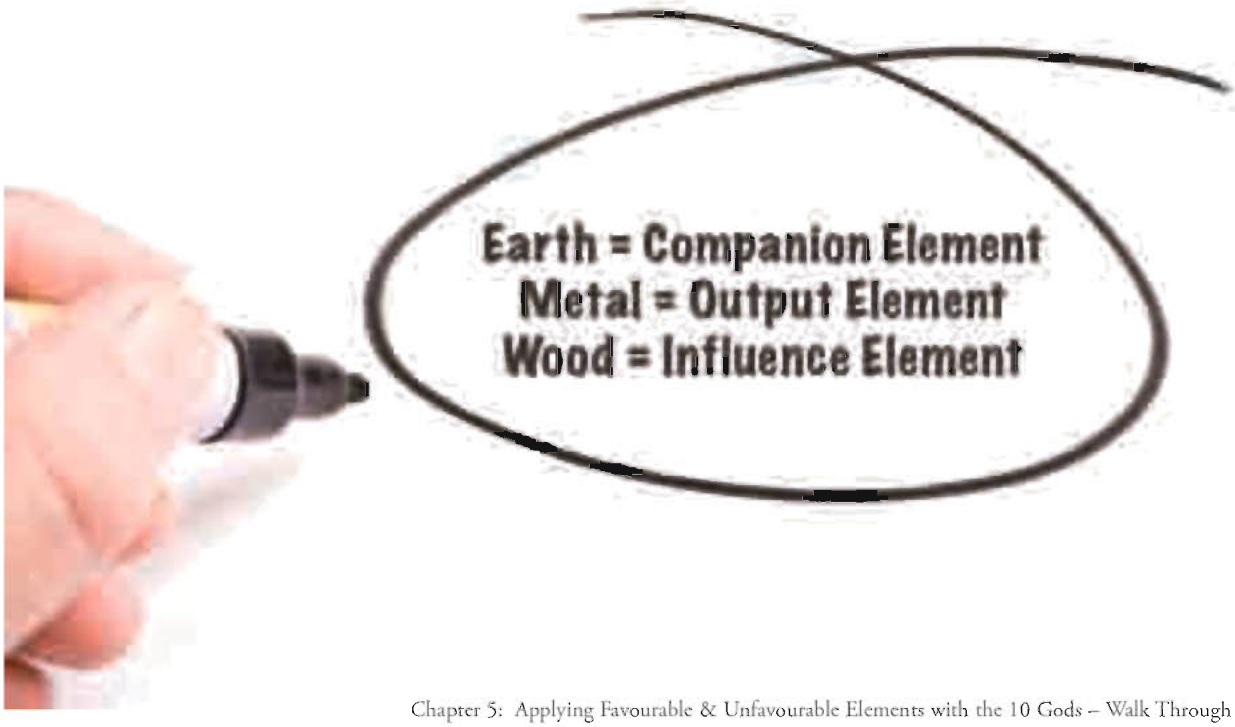
In this chart, the element of Fire is not present thus the Resource Element is missing. This means that this weak Ji 己 Earth Day Master cannot utilise the Resource Element, which is one of its Favourable Elements.

In this chart, the element of Earth is present thus the Companion Element is present. Both the Rob Wealth Star (戊) and Friend Star (己) are present. This means that this weak Ji Earth Day Master can utilise both the Companion Stars by way of using the Companion Element.

In this chart, the element of Water is present thus the Wealth Element (癸) is present. However, only the Indirect Wealth Star is present. This Star needs to be actively managed by the Day Master to minimise the effect of the Wealth Element as it is one of the Unfavourable Elements.

In this chart, the element of Metal is present thus the Output Element is present. However, only the Eating God Star (辛) is present. This Star needs to be actively managed by the Day Master to minimise the effect of the Output Element as it is one of the Unfavourable Elements.

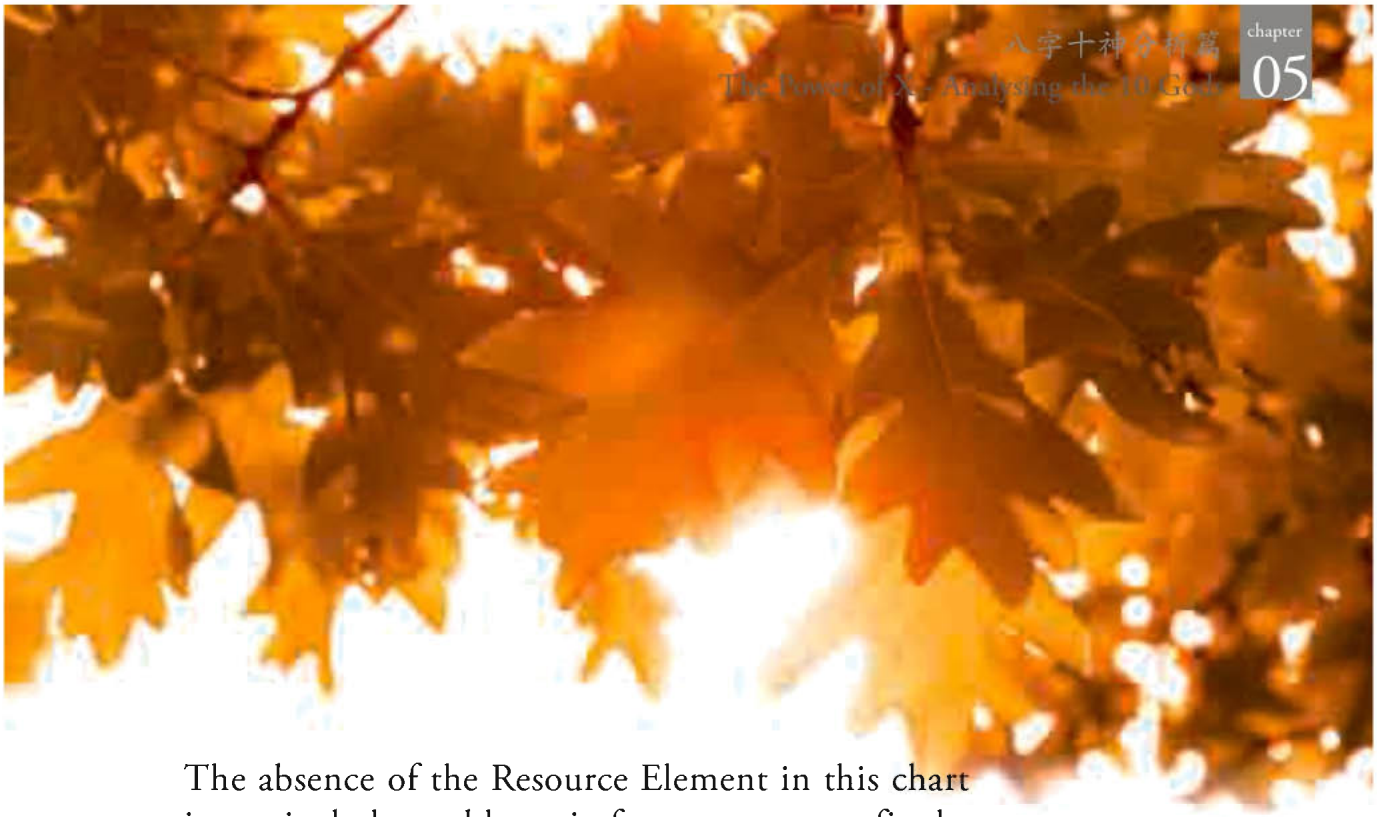
In this chart, the element of Wood is present thus the Influence Element is present. However, only the 7 Killings Star (乙) is present. This Star needs to be actively managed by the Day Master to minimise the effect of the Influence Element as it is one of the Unfavourable Elements.



Step 6: Identify 3 actions that can be undertaken to utilise the Favourable Elements

- As the Companion Element is favourable for this weak Ji Earth Day Master, any job that involves teamwork or working within a team or part of a team would be ideal for this Day Master. The Companion Element connects closely to making use of other people but also looking for ways to get people to help you. Thus, it is important that this Ji Earth Day Master learn to be opportunistic but also look for opportunities to utilise or rely on other people's resources, be it money, time, opportunities or information.
- This Day Master should try to participate in group-centric activities during their spare time such as team-sports or professional organisations such as the Masons or Rotary clubs.
- The Earth Industry would be a suitable industry for this person to work within.

This example illustrates the challenges posed when a chart has a missing element, and the especially difficult circumstances that exist when the missing element is one of two the Favourable Elements. This weak Ji 己 Earth Day Master is effectively left with only one Favourable Element to lean on whilst being stuck with three Unfavourable Elements to deal with. That's pretty much like having to go through life defending yourself from being beaten up with one hand tied behind your back.



The absence of the Resource Element in this chart is particularly problematic for two reasons: firstly, the elements of Water and Fire are regarded as critical to any chart as Water represents emotions and wisdom whilst Fire represents passion and happiness. The absence of either of these elements in a chart essentially significantly downgrades the quality of the chart (although special circumstances do exist by way of Special Structures). This chart is missing the element of Fire – as such, this person has trouble over being happy in life. This is compounded by the fact that the element of Fire also co-relates with the Resource Element, which specifically governs the capacity of a person to be contented, satisfied and happy!

Ji Earth is a cold clod of earth in the middle of cold Autumn and it needs some warmth from the sun

Secondly, the Resource Element is actually the most needed element in this chart as it brings balance and harmony to the chart. Pictorially, this Ji Earth is a cold clod of earth in the middle of cold Autumn and it needs some warmth from the sun for it to be able to nourish and grow the seeds of plants and trees. Fire is needed to warm the chart and it is absent.

Step 7: Identify 3 actions that can be undertaken to manage the Unfavourable Elements

- An overly materialistic outlook on life should be avoided by this weak Ji Earth Day Master as the Wealth Element is not a favourable element at all. This Ji Earth Day Master needs to chase money a little less and focus on well-being a lot more.
- The Output Element is unfavourable which means that this person cannot handle a large team of staff – they are better in a job which involves a small number of people to be supervised or better yet, be in a job that makes them part of a team (using the Companion Elements) rather than a leader. Since Output is unfavourable and it relates closely to innovation and creativity, it is best also to avoid positions that involve idea generation or articulating or expressing ideas.
- As only the 7 Killings Star is present by way of the Influence Element, this person is easily stressed. As such, it is important that they actively manage their stress levels and be conscious of the fact that they are easily negatively affected by stress. There is also a tendency to attract enemies and back-biters when the 7 Killings Star is present in the chart. However, as the 7 Killings Star is unfavourable, it is important that this person learn not to be affected or stressed by the actions of petty people around them.

Advanced Example #3:

時 Hour	日 Day	月 Month	年 Year	
比肩 F 癸 Gui Yin Water	日元 DM 癸 Gui Yin Water	比肩 F 癸 Gui Yin Water	劫財 RW 壬 Ren Yang Water	天干 Heavenly Stems
丑 Chou **Ox** Yin Earth	亥 Hai **Pig** Yin Water	丑 Chou **Ox** Yin Earth	子 Zi **Rat** Yang Water	地支 Earthly Branches
辛 Xin - Metal 卩 IR 己 Ji - Earth 殺 7K 癸 Gui - Water 比 F	壬 Ren + Water 劫 RW 甲 Jia + Wood 傷 HO	辛 Xin - Metal 卩 IR 己 Ji - Earth 殺 7K 癸 Gui - Water 比 F	癸 Gui - Water 比 F	藏干 Hidden Stems

Step 1: Determine which elements represent the Five Factors based on the Day Master in question.

This is a Gui 癸 Water Day Master.

Five Factor	Element	10 Gods
財星 Wealth	火 **Fire**	
食傷 Output	木 **Wood**	
官殺 Influence	土 **Earth**	
印星 Resource	金 **Metal**	
比劫 Companion	水 **Water**	

Step 2: Connect the relevant 10 Gods to each of the Five Factors

Here, we want to determine the specific 10 Gods that connect to each of the elements that make up the Five Factors, and also identify the specific Stem that connects to each 10 God.

Five Factor	Element	10 Gods
財星 Wealth	火 Fire	Direct Wealth 丙 Indirect Wealth 丁
食傷 Output	木 Wood	Hurting Officer 甲 Eating God 乙
官殺 Influence	土 Earth	Direct Officer 戊 7 Killings 己
印星 Resource	金 Metal	Direct Resource 庚 Indirect Resource 辛
比劫 Companion	水 Water	Rob Wealth 壬 Friend 癸

Step 3: Establish the Strength of the Day Master

This is the chart of a Gui 癸 Water Day Master, born in month of Ox 丑 (Chou) which is the season of Winter, where Water is the dominant and most prosperous element. The season of birth makes the Day Master a strong Day Master. You will also notice that the entire season of Winter is present in this chart – as such, this Day Master is not just strong, but Prosperous.

時 Hour	日 Day	月 Month	年 Year	
比肩 F 癸 Gui Yin Water	日元 DM 癸 Gui Yin Water	比肩 F 癸 Gui Yin Water	劫財 RW 壬 Ren Yang Water	天干 Heavenly Stems
丑 Chou Ox Yin Earth	亥 Hai Pig Yin Water	丑 Chou Ox Yin Earth	子 Zi Rat Yang Water	地支 Earthly Branches
辛 Xin - Metal 卩 IR; 己 Ji - Earth 殺 7K; 癸 Gui - Water 比 F	壬 Ren + Water 劫 RW; 甲 Jia + Wood 傷 HO	辛 Xin - Metal 卩 IR; 己 Ji - Earth 殺 7K; 癸 Gui - Water 比 F	癸 Gui - Water 比 F	藏干 Hidden Stems

Step 4: Establish the Favourable and Unfavourable Elements

A strong Day Master favours the Wealth, Output and Influence Elements. So we know that for this Gui 癸 Water Day Master, the Favourable Elements are Fire (Bing 丙 and Ding 丁), Wood (Jia 甲 and Yi 乙) and Earth (Wu 戊 and Ji 己). The Unfavourable Elements are the Resource and Companion Elements, which are represented by Metal (Geng 庚 and Xin 辛) and Water (Ren 壬 and Gui 癸) respectively.

Five Factor	Element	10 Gods	Favourable/ Unfavourable
財星 Wealth	火 Fire	Direct Wealth 丙 Indirect Wealth 丁	Favourable
食傷 Output	木 Wood	Hurting Officer 甲 Eating God 乙	Favourable
官殺 Influence	土 Earth	Direct Officer 戊 7 Killings 己	Favourable
印星 Resource	金 Metal	Direct Resource 庚 Indirect Resource 辛	Unfavourable
比劫 Companion	水 Water	Rob Wealth 壬 Friend 癸	Unfavourable

Step 5: Analyse the individual Favourable and Unfavourable Elements to determine if any of the Favourable or Unfavourable Elements are missing, and which Yin-Yang variant of each of the Favourable and Unfavourable Elements is present.

時 Hour	日 Day	月 Month	年 Year	
比肩 F 癸 Gui Yin Water	日元 DM 癸 Gui Yin Water	比肩 F 癸 Gui Yin Water	劫財 RW 壬 Ren Yang Water	天干 Heavenly Stems
丑 Chou **Ox** Yin Earth	亥 Hai **Pig** Yin Water	丑 Chou **Ox** Yin Earth	子 Zi **Rat** Yang Water	地支 Earthly Branches
辛 Xin - Metal 卩 IR 己 Ji - Earth 殺 7K 癸 Gui - Water 比 F	壬 Ren + Water 劫 RW 甲 Jia + Wood 傷 HO	辛 Xin - Metal 卩 IR 己 Ji - Earth 殺 7K 癸 Gui - Water 比 F	癸 Gui - Water 比 F	藏干 Hidden Stems

Missing the Fire Element

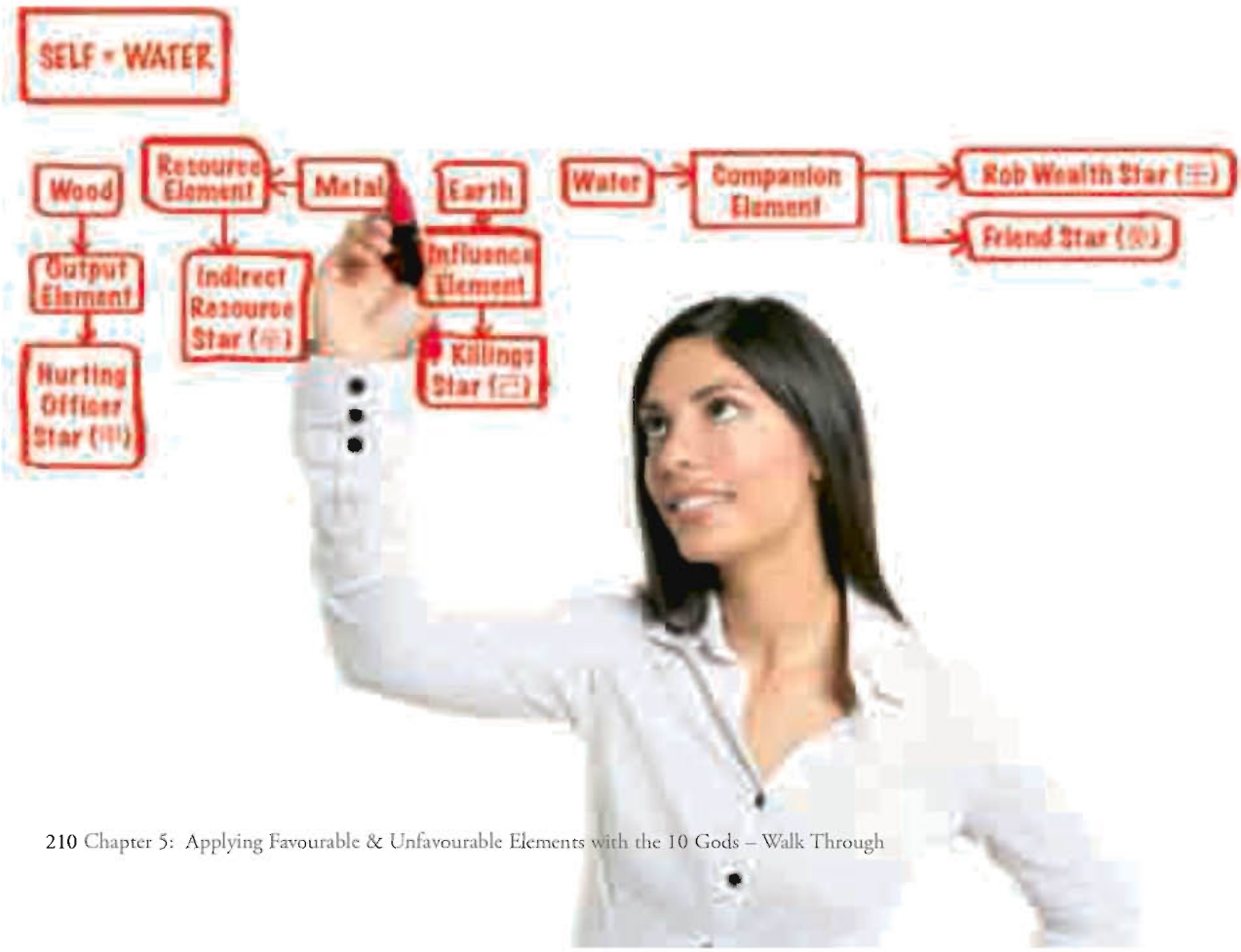
In this chart, the element of Fire is not present thus the Wealth Element is missing. This means that this strong Gui 癸 Water Day Master cannot utilise one of its Favourable Elements.

In this chart, the element of Wood is present thus the Output Element is present. However only the Hurting Officer Star (甲) is present. As such, this strong Gui Water Day Master can only utilise the Hurting Officer Star by way of utilising the Output Element.

In this chart, the element of Earth is present thus the Influence Element is present. However, only the 7 Killings Star (己) is present. As such, this strong Gui Water Day Master can only utilise the 7 Killings Star by way of utilising the Influence Element.

In this chart, the element of Metal is present thus the Resource Element is present. However, only the Indirect Resource Star (辛) is present. This Star needs to be actively managed by the Day Master to minimise the effect of the Resource Element as it is one of the Unfavourable Elements.

In this chart, the element of Water is present thus the Companion Element is present. Both the Rob Wealth Star (壬) and Friend Star (癸) are present. These two Stars need to be actively managed by the Day Master to minimise the effect of the Companion Element as it is one of the Unfavourable Elements.



Step 6: Identify 3 actions that can be undertaken to utilise the Favourable Elements

- This Gui Water Day Master has natural leadership skills and so should focus on job prospects that enable him or her to utilise these abilities as they will ensure regular and frequent use of the Influence Element. Since this chart has only the 7 Killings Star, this person must discover their own inner courage. One good way to do this is to up an activity that requires the confrontation of the person's fear – for example, if they are afraid of heights, they should go rock climbing or paragliding. By conquering their fears, they will discover their inner courage and gain a new set of leadership skills.
- Recreational activities that involve the use of the Output Star would be beneficial to this Day Master – gardening might be something this Gui Water Day Master will enjoy, as it connects with the Wood element of the Output Star.
- Since only the Hurting Officer Star is available for use by way of utilising the Output Element, a job that involves creativity or which involves coming up with ways to disrupt the existing marketplace or challenges the assumptions of a given industry (all the qualities of the Hurting Officer Star) would suit this person. However, as the Hurting Officer Star is hidden within the Pig (Hai) Growth Branch, it may not be easy for the person to make use of their creativity and innovation skills. This person must learn to articulate their thoughts and work hard at developing their creative thinking and innovation skills.

Jia Wood in this chart becomes what is known as 'floating wood' and thus is aimless and unable to actually be effective in any real way.

Both Example #2 above and this example have a common theme: a Missing Favourable Element. Now, it could be argued that this Gui 癸 Water Day Master has a slight advantage over the Ji 己 Earth Day Master in Example #2 because being a strong Day Master, the Gui Water Day Master has the advantage of numbers. It has three Favourable Elements to play with versus the two that the weak Ji Earth Day Master can utilise.

The reality is that both examples are equally problematic. In this Gui Water Day Master's case, it only has the Hurting Officer Star and the 7 Killings Star to call upon by way of options. Let's deal with the Hurting Officer Star first – in this chart, the Hurting Officer Star is considered to be of poor quality. Although Jia 甲 Wood in the season of Winter is considered strong, and the Jia Wood in this chart is found in the Pig 亥 (Hai), which is the Growth Star for Wood, there is too much water in this chart. As such, the Jia Wood in this chart becomes what is known as 'floating wood' and thus is aimless and unable to actually be effective in any real way.

As for the 7 Killings Star, Gui Water and the 7 Killings Star are not considered to be good bedfellows – Gui Water dislikes the contamination of the Ji Earth. Further, an effective 7 Killings Star is defined as one which is controlled by the Eating God Star, which is not present in this chart. Of course, in an appropriate Luck Pillar, these seemingly unusable elements may convert into usable ones. But on an evaluation of the BaZi alone, both these Stars present problems for the Day Master despite their Favourable Element status.

But the biggest issue for this Gui Water Day Master is the absence of the Wealth Element, represented by Fire. This chart is extremely cold as the entire season of Winter is present in the chart. Pictorally, this Gui Water is an iceberg in the middle of Antarctica. What is desperately needed by this chart is the warmth of the sun and that is not present in this chart.

This example show that having Favourable Elements is not of much good if those elements aren't very usable by the Day Master. It also illustrates the point that even amongst the Favourable Elements, there will be some elements that are **more favoured** by the Day Master than others. In other words, all Favourable Elements are not created equal.

This Gui Water isn't just cold, it's an iceberg in the middle of Antartica.

Step 7: Identify 3 actions that can be undertaken to manage the Unfavourable Elements

- The Water and Metal industry should be avoided by this Day Master by way of business opportunities or job prospects.
- There is a strong tendency to waste a lot of time 'networking' by this Day Master due to the strength of the Rob Wealth and Friend Stars in this chart. However it is important that this strong Gui Water Day Master recognise that such social occasions are just basically an exercise in time-wasting (or just outright partying) and minimise such time-sucking activities as they are simply not beneficial.
- One of the major weaknesses of this chart is an inability to hold onto money due to the strength of the Rob Wealth Star. The significant presence of Water and Metal also indicates a highly emotional spender or a tendency to impulse buy. The easiest way to do this is to restrict the number of credit cards the person has and emphasise a high level of long-term investments centred on capital appreciation and no speculative wealth investments.

Advanced Example #4:

時 Hour	日 Day	月 Month	年 Year	
七殺 7K 壬 Ren Yang Water	日元 DM 丙 Bing Yang Fire	正印 DR 乙 Yi Yin Wood	偏印 IR 甲 Jia Yang Wood	天干 Heavenly Stems
辰 Chen **Dragon** Yang Earth	寅 Yin **Tiger** Yang Wood	亥 Hai **Pig** Yin Water	子 Zi **Rat** Yang Water	地支 Earthly Branches
癸 Gui - Water 官 DO; 戊 Wu + Earth 食 EG; 乙 Yi - Wood 印 DR	戊 Wu + Earth 食 EG; 甲 Jia + Wood 印 IR; 丙 Bing + Fire 比 F	壬 Ren + Water 殺 7K; 甲 Jia + Wood 印 IR	癸 Gui - Water 官 DO	藏干 Hidden Stems

Step 1: Determine which elements represent the Five Factors based on the Day Master in question.

This is a Bing 丙 Fire Day Master.

Five Factor	Element	10 Gods
財星 Wealth	金 **Metal**	
食傷 Output	土 **Earth**	
官殺 Influence	水 **Water**	
印星 Resource	木 **Wood**	
比劫 Companion	火 **Fire**	

Step 2: Connect the relevant 10 Gods to each of the Five Factors

Here, we want to determine the specific 10 Gods that connect to each of the elements that make up the Five Factors and also identify the specific Stem that connects to each 10 God.

Five Factor	Element	10 Gods
財星 Wealth	金 **Metal**	Direct Wealth 辛 Indirect Wealth 庚
食傷 Output	土 **Earth**	Hurting Officer 己 Eating God 戊
官殺 Influence	水 **Water**	Direct Officer 癸 7 Killings 壬
印星 Resource	木 **Wood**	Direct Resource 乙 Indirect Resource 甲
比劫 Companion	火 **Fire**	Rob Wealth 丁 Friend 丙

Step 3: Establish the Strength of the Day Master

This is the chart of a Bing 丙 Fire Day Master, born in month of Pig 亥 (Hai) which is the season of Winter, where Water is the dominant and most prosperous element. The season of birth makes the Day Master a weak Day Master.

However, for the element of Fire (both Bing 丙 Fire and Ding 丁 Fire), the strength of the Day Master is primarily determined by the time of birth. This Bing Fire Day Master is born during the Dragon 辰 Hour, which is between 7am and 9am. From a pictorial assessment standpoint, this is regarded as an excellent hour for a Bing Fire Day Master. It is at sunrise that the sun is at its most beautiful and heralds in possibilities and potential. The rays are starting to come up over the horizon, the warm of the sun is beginning to dissipate the cold and dew of the night.The Bing Fire Day Master cal also be regarded as Strong due to the presence of a unique formation in the chart arising from the month of birth, known as 日照江河 or River Reflecting the Bright Sunlight Formation.

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七殺 7K 壬 Ren Yang Water	日元 DM 丙 Bing Yang Fire	正印 DR 乙 Yi Yin Wood	偏印 IR 甲 Jia Yang Wood	天干 Heavenly Stems
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Step 4: Establish the Favourable and Unfavourable Elements

A strong Day Master favours the Wealth, Output and Influence Elements. So we know that for this Bing Fire Day Master, the Favourable Elements are Metal (Geng 庚 and Xin 辛), Earth (Wu 戊 and Ji 己) and Water (Ren 壬 and Gui 癸). The Unfavourable Elements are the Resource and Companion Elements, which are represented by Wood (Jia 甲 and Yi 乙) and Fire (Bing 丙 and Ding 丁) respectively.

Five Factor	Element	10 Gods	Favourable/ Unfavourable
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比劫 Companion	土 Earth	Rob Wealth 戊 Friend 己	Unfavourable

Step 5: Analyse the individual Favourable and Unfavourable Elements to determine if any of the Favourable or Unfavourable Elements are missing, and which Yin-Yang variant of each of the Favourable and Unfavourable Elements is present.

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In this chart, the element of Metal is not present thus the Wealth Element is missing. This means that this strong Bing 丙 Fire Day Master cannot utilise one of its Favourable Elements.

In this chart, the element of Earth is present thus the Output Element is present. However, only the Eating God Star (戊) is present. As such, this strong Bing Fire Day Master can only utilise the Eating God Star by way of utilising the Output Element.

In this chart, the element of Water is present thus the Influence Element is present. Both the Direct Officer Star (癸) and 7 Killings Star (壬) are present. This strong Bing Fire Day Master can utilise both the Influence Stars by way of using the Influence Element.

In this chart, the element of Wood is present thus the Resource Element is present. Both the Direct Resource Star (乙) and Indirect Resource Star (甲) are present. This Star needs to be actively managed by the Day Master to minimise the effect of the Resource Element as it is one of the Unfavourable Elements.

In this chart, the element of Fire (the Day Master itself notwithstanding) is present thus the Companion Element is present.

Step 6: Identify 3 actions that can be undertaken to utilise the Favourable Elements

- The Earth and Water industries would be ideal industries for this Bing Fire Day Master to work within. As the element of Metal is missing in the chart, this means that there is no affinity with the element. As such, Metal industries would not be suited to this Bing Fire Day Master.
- The Eating God Star is the only way in which this Bing Fire Day Master can utilise the Output Element. As such, this person should seek out a job that involves using skills that involve strategic thinking, innovation, out of the box thinking or unique creativity and vision.
- The Influence Element is favourable, denoting that this person thrives under pressure and in a intense environment. Thus, this Bing Fire Day Master should look to work within a company which has a strong 'winner' culture or even a company with a 'take no prisoners' culture to it.

In this chart, the Wealth Element, represented by Metal, is missing. Without a doubt, this is already a major disadvantage for the chart, as any element that is missing throws off the equilibrium of the chart but also, renders it difficult to balance the chart. In this case, the strength of the Wood element in this chart needs to be balanced by the element of Metal and that element is not present. The absence of the Metal element also means fewer elements available for the Day Master to use.

The fact that it is the Wealth Element that is missing adds a double whammy quality to the problem – it's never a good thing to have a hard time making money in life. If this is a Bing 丙 Fire male, finding a spouse in life may be difficult and there is a high likelihood that this person will face a great deal of relationship-related problems, either stemming from the lack of relationships or too much attention being paid to relationships! That being said, a missing Wealth Element doesn't mean a total inability to make money in life as the capacity for continuous creation and generation of wealth stems from the Output Element rather than the Wealth Element alone. Thus, unlike Examples #2 and #3, where the missing element was also very crucial, in this Bing Fire example, the absence of the Metal Element, whilst detrimental, is not as detrimental. This of course doesn't mean it is somehow okay or acceptable – it is just *slightly* less negative.

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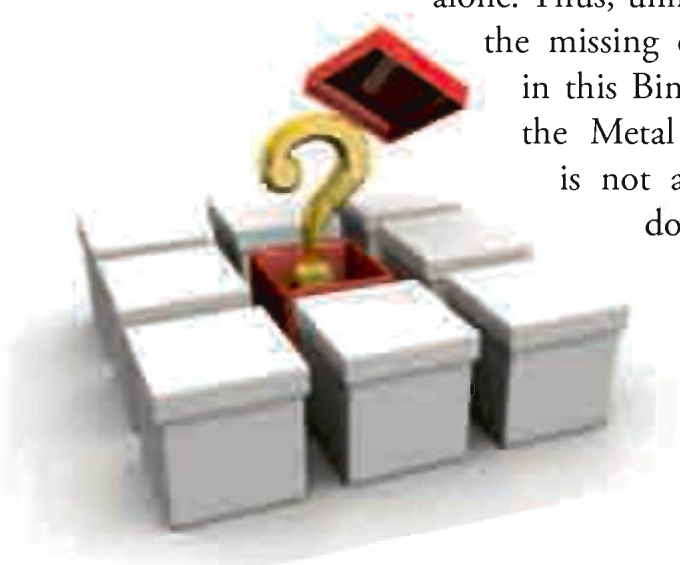

Step 7: Identify 3 actions that can be undertaken to manage the Unfavourable Elements

- The Resource Element is unfavourable in this chart as such, this Bing Fire Day Master must be cautious of over-thinking problems or seeing problems when there are none. A major problem that this Day Master will face is a tendency to be complacent and very laid back. As such, it is important that this Bing Fire Day Master be very aware of this tendency and actively control this negative attribute. Wood is not a Favourable Element for this Day Master and thus, this Day Master should avoid working in Wood-related industries or professions.
- The Companion Element is unfavourable in this chart and as such, this person should avoid teamwork-based jobs and focus instead of opportunities that offer the chance to exhibit leadership skills, rather than collaboration skills.

Advanced Example #5

時 Hour	日 Day	月 Month	年 Year	
正官 DO 丁 Ding Yin Fire	日元 DM 庚 Geng Yang Metal	正印 DR 己 Ji Yin Earth	劫財 RW 辛 Xin Yin Metal	天干 Heavenly Stems
丑 Chou **Ox** Yin Earth	子 Zi **Rat** Yang Water	亥 Hai **Pig** Yin Water	酉 You **Rooster** Yin Metal	地支 Earthly Branches
辛 Xin - Metal 劫 RW; 己 Ji - Earth 印 DR; 癸 Gui - Water 傷 HO	癸 Gui - Water 傷 HO	壬 Ren + Water 食 EG; 甲 Jia + Wood 才 IW	辛 Xin - Metal 劫 RW	藏干 Hidden Stems

Step 1: Determine which elements represent the Five Factors based on the Day Master in question.

This is a Geng 庚 Metal Day Master.

Five Factor	Element	10 Gods
財星 Wealth	木 **Wood**	
食傷 Output	水 **Water**	
官殺 Influence	火 **Fire**	
印星 Resource	土 **Earth**	
比劫 Companion	金 **Metal**	

Step 2: Connect the relevant 10 Gods to each of the Five Factors

Here, we want to determine the specific 10 Gods that connect to each of the elements that make up the Five Factors, and also identify the specific Stem that connects to each 10 God.

Five Factor	Element	10 Gods
財星 Wealth	木 Wood	Direct Wealth 乙 Indirect Wealth 甲
食傷 Output	水 Water	Hurting Officer 癸 Eating God 壬
官殺 Influence	火 Fire	Direct Officer 丁 7 Killings 丙
印星 Resource	土 Earth	Direct Resource 己 Indirect Resource 戊
比劫 Companion	金 Metal	Rob Wealth 辛 Friend 庚

Step 3: Establish the Strength of the Day Master

This Geng 庚 Metal Day Master is born in month of Pig 亥 (Hai), which is part of the season of Winter, where Water is the strongest. The season of birth renders the Day Master a weak Day Master. However, the Day Master here is not completely weak - it is able to call upon the support afforded by the Ox 丑 (Chou) which contains Ji 己 Earth, the Resource Star of Geng Metal. Ox (Chou) also contains Xin 辛 Metal within, providing some rooting to the Geng Metal. There is also a half Metal Frame Three Harmony Combination present from the Rooster 酉 (You) and Ox (Chou). So this would be regarded as a moderately strong Day Master.

This example highlights how although the season of birth does not support the Day Master, the Day Master can qualify for the 'Strong' category (and accordingly, the Favourable and Unfavourable Elements will change) if it can find support through alternative means, such as by virtue of a Three Harmony Combination.

時 Hour	日 Day	月 Month	年 Year	
正官 DO 丁 Ding Yin Fire	日元 DM 庚 Geng Yang Metal	正印 DR 己 Ji Yin Earth	劫財 RW 辛 Xin Yin Metal	天干 Heavenly Stems
丑 Chou Ox Yin Earth	子 Zi Rat Yang Water	亥 Hai Pig Yin Water	酉 You Rooster Yin Metal	地支 Earthly Branches
辛 Xin - Metal 劫 RW; 己 Ji - Earth 印 DR; 癸 Gui - Water 傷 HO	癸 Gui - Water 傷 HO	壬 Ren + Water 食 EG; 甲 Jia + Wood 才 IW	辛 Xin - Metal 劫 RW	藏干 Hidden Stems

Step 4: Establish the Favourable and Unfavourable Elements

A strong Day Master favours the Wealth, Output and Influence Elements. So we know that for this Geng 庚 Metal Day Master, the Favourable Elements are Wood (Jia 甲 and Yi 乙), Water (Ren 壬 and Gui 癸) and Fire (Bing 丙 and Ding 丁). The Unfavourable Elements are the Resource and Companion Elements, which are represented by Earth (Wu 戊 and Ji 己) and Metal (Geng 庚 and Xin 辛) respectively.

Five Factor	Element	10 Gods	Favourable/ Unfavourable
財星 Wealth	木 Wood	Direct Wealth 乙 Indirect Wealth 甲	Favourable
食傷 Output	水 Water	Hurting Officer 癸 Eating God 壬	Favourable
官殺 Influence	火 Fire	Direct Officer 丁 7 Killings 丙	Favourable
印星 Resource	土 Earth	Direct Resource 己 Indirect Resource 戊	Unfavourable
比劫 Companion	金 Metal	Rob Wealth 辛 Friend 庚	Unfavourable

Step 5: Analyse the individual Favourable and Unfavourable Elements to determine if any of the Favourable or Unfavourable Elements are missing, and which Yin-Yang variant of each of the Favourable and Unfavourable Elements is present.

時 Hour	日 Day	月 Month	年 Year	
正官 DO 丁 Ding Yin Fire	日元 DM 庚 Geng Yang Metal	正印 DR 己 Ji Yin Earth	劫財 RW 辛 Xin Yin Metal	天干 Heavenly Stems
丑 Chou Ox Yin Earth	子 Zi Rat Yang Water	亥 Hai Pig Yin Water	酉 You Rooster Yin Metal	地支 Earthly Branches
辛 Xin - Metal 劫 RW; 己 Ji - Earth 印 DR; 癸 Gui - Water 傷 HO	癸 Gui - Water 傷 HO	壬 Ren + Water 食 EG; 甲 Jia + Wood 才 IW	辛 Xin - Metal 劫 RW	藏干 Hidden Stems

In this chart, the element of Wood is present thus the Wealth Element is present. However, only the Indirect Wealth Star (甲) is present. As such, this strong Geng 庚 Metal Day Master can only utilise the Indirect Wealth Star by way of utilising the Wealth Element.

In this chart, the element of Water is present thus the Output Element is present. Both the Hurting Officer Star (癸) and Eating God Star (壬) are present. This means that this strong Geng Metal Day Master can utilise both the Output Stars by way of using the Output Element.

In this chart, the element of Fire is present thus the Influence Element is present. However, only the Direct Officer Star (丁) is present. As such, this strong Geng Metal Day Master can only utilise the Direct Officer Star by way of utilising the Influence Element.

In this chart, the element of Earth is present thus the Resource Element is present. However, only the Direct Resource Star (己) is present. This Star needs to be actively managed by the Day Master to minimise the effect of the Resource Element as it is one of the Unfavourable Elements.

In this chart, the element of Metal is present thus the Companion Element is present. However, only the Rob Wealth Star (辛) is present. This Star needs to be actively managed by the Day Master to minimise the effect of the Companion Element as it is one of the Unfavourable Elements.

Step 6: Identify 3 actions that can be undertaken to utilise the Favourable Elements

- The Indirect Wealth Star is the only means in which this strong Geng Metal Day Master can utilise the Favourable Wealth Element. Thus, this person may want to consider starting their own business.
- The Fire, Wood and Water industries are all industries which are suited for this strong Geng Metal Day Master.
- As the Direct Officer Star is favourable in this chart, it is important for this Geng Metal Day Master to have a rigidly structured approach to life. A clear daily routine, an almost military precision approach to life, and a strong sense of personal discipline are essential for this person to succeed in life. From an education standpoint, this person might benefit from going to military school or even a stint in the military.

This example is interesting because it illustrates an instance where although the Day Master has at its disposal three Favourable Elements to play with, the realities of the Stars contained in the chart restrict the options of the Day Master. In this case, the Day Master can only utilise the Direct Officer Star, the Indirect Wealth Star, and the two Output Stars. Even then, the two Output Stars arguably are not that useful because Geng 庚 Metal doesn't use Water very well and tends to prefer the forging of Fire.

From an education standpoint, this person might benefit from going to military school or even a stint in the military.

Step 7: Identify 3 actions that can be undertaken to manage the Unfavourable Elements

- The Companion Element, specifically the Rob Wealth Star, is unfavourable in this chart so joint-ventures and partnerships are out for this Geng Metal Day Master.
- Metal and Earth industries would not be suitable for this strong Geng Metal Day Master by way of a job or a business venture.
- This Geng Metal Day Master must avoid over-thinking or procrastination when it comes to decision-making. Geng in particular must be action-centric – remember, Geng Metal is the axe, the sword. Its existence is to serve a purpose, a goal, and thus, a hesitant Geng Metal Day Master or one that spends too long thinking is akin to a rusted sword or an axe that can no longer chop wood.

Advanced Example #6

時 Hour	日 Day	月 Month	年 Year	
食神 EG 丙 Bing Yang Fire	日元 DM 甲 Jia Yang Wood	正官 DO 辛 Xin Yin Metal	劫財 RW 乙 Yi Yin Wood	天干 Heavenly Stems
寅 Yin Tiger Yang Wood	寅 Yin Tiger Yang Wood	巳 Si Snake Yin Fire	卯 Mao Rabbit Yin Wood	地支 Earthly Branches
戊 Wu + Earth 才 IW 甲 Jia + Wood 比 F 丙 Bing + Fire 食 EG	戊 Wu + Earth 才 IW 甲 Jia + Wood 比 F 丙 Bing + Fire 食 EG	庚 Geng + Metal 殺 7K 丙 Bing + Fire 食 EG 戊 Wu + Earth 才 IW	乙 Yi - Wood 劫 RW	藏干 Hidden Stems

Step 1: Determine which elements represent the Five Factors based on the Day Master in question.

This is a Jia 甲 Wood Day Master.

Five Factor	Element	10 Gods
財星 Wealth	土 Earth	
食傷 Output	火 Fire	
官殺 Influence	金 Metal	
印星 Resource	水 Water	
比劫 Companion	木 Wood	

Step 2: Connect the relevant 10 Gods to each of the Five Factors

Here, we want to determine the specific 10 Gods that connect to each of the elements that make up the Five Factors and also identify the specific Stem that connects to each 10 God.

Five Factor	Element	10 Gods
財星 Wealth	土 Earth	Direct Wealth 己 Indirect Wealth 戊
食傷 Output	火 Fire	Hurting Officer 丁 Eating God 丙
官殺 Influence	金 Metal	Direct Officer 辛 7 Killings 庚
印星 Resource	水 Water	Direct Resource 癸 Indirect Resource 壬
比劫 Companion	木 Wood	Rob Wealth 乙 Friend 甲

Step 3: Establish the Strength of the Day Master

This Jia 甲 Wood Day Master is born in month of Snake 巳 (Si), which is the season of Summer. Based on the season of birth, this is a weak Day Master. However, this Jia Wood Day Master is rooted in the two Tigers 寅 (Yin) in the Day and Hour Earthly Branches. As such, this would not be considered a weak Day Master, but a moderately strong Day Master.

時 Hour	日 Day	月 Month	年 Year	
食神 EG 丙 Bing Yang Fire	日元 DM 甲 Jia Yang Wood	正官 DO 辛 Xin Yin Metal	劫財 RW 乙 Yi Yin Wood	天干 Heavenly Stems
寅 Yin Tiger Yang Wood	寅 Yin Tiger Yang Wood	巳 Si Snake Yin Fire	卯 Mao Rabbit Yin Wood	地支 Earthly Branches
戊 Wu + Earth 才 IW; 甲 Jia + Wood 比 F; 丙 Bing + Fire 食 EG	戊 Wu + Earth 才 IW; 甲 Jia + Wood 比 F; 丙 Bing + Fire 食 EG	庚 Geng + Metal 殺 7K; 丙 Bing + Fire 食 EG; 戊 Wu + Earth 才 IW	乙 Yi - Wood 劫 RW	藏干 Hidden Stems

Step 4: Establish the Favourable and Unfavourable Elements

A strong Day Master favours the Wealth, Output and Influence Elements. So we know that for this Jia 甲 Wood Day Master, the Favourable Elements are Earth (Wu 戊 and Ji 己) and Fire (Bing 丙 and Ding 丁) and Metal (Geng 庚 and Xin 辛). The Unfavourable Elements are the Resource and Companion Elements, which are represented by Water (Ren 壬 and Gui 癸) and Wood (Jia 甲 and Yi 乙) respectively.

Five Factor	Element	10 Gods	Favourable/ Unfavourable
財星 Wealth	土 Earth	Direct Wealth 己 Indirect Wealth 戊	Favourable
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比劫 Companion	木 Wood	Rob Wealth 乙 Friend 甲	Unfavourable

Step 5: Analyse the individual Favourable and Unfavourable Elements to determine if any of the Favourable or Unfavourable Elements are missing, and which Yin-Yang variant of each of the Favourable and Unfavourable Elements is present.

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In this chart, the element of Earth is present thus the Wealth Element is present. However, only the Indirect Wealth Star (戊) is present. As such, this strong Jia 甲 Wood Day Master can only utilise the Indirect Wealth Star by way of utilising the Wealth Element.

In this chart, the element of Fire is present thus the Output Element is present. However, only the Eating God Star (丙) is present. This means that this strong Jia Wood Day Master can only utilise the Eating God Star by way of utilising the Output Element.

In this chart, the element of Metal is present thus the Influence Element is present. Both the Direct Officer Star (辛) and 7 Killings Star (庚) are present. This strong Jia 甲 Wood Day Master can utilise both the Influence Stars by way of using the Influence Element.

In this chart, the element of Water is not present thus the Resource Element is absent. Whilst this means an Unfavourable Element is not present, it also means that this chart has the problem of a Missing Element.

In this chart, the element of Wood is present thus the Companion Element is present. Both the Rob Wealth Star (乙)and Friend Star (甲) are present. These two Stars need to be actively managed by the Day Master to minimise the effect of the Companion Element as it is one of the Unfavourable Elements.

Step 6: Identify 3 actions that can be undertaken to utilise the Favourable Elements

- The Indirect Wealth Star is the only way to utilise the Favourable Wealth Element in this chart. As such, this person should focus on job opportunities which require an element of entrepreneurialism or which provides financial incentives based on the amount of sales or business that is brought in.
- As only the Eating God Star is present in the chart, this Jia Wood Day Master would be better off in a job that made use of his or her strategic thinking skills and capacity to take a long-sighted approach to all actions.
- A career in the Fire, Metal or Earth industries would be suitable for this Jia Wood Day Master.

貴人

Gui Ren
Noble People

Broadly speaking, business people and entrepreneurs, are especially in need of Noble People

An entrepreneurial career will be very challenging for this Jia 甲 Wood Day Master for two reasons: firstly, Jia Wood Day Masters do not utilise the Indirect Wealth Star well as Jia Wood finds it hard to control Wu 戊 Earth. When was the last time you saw a tree managing to grow on the side of a slab of rock?

Secondly, the absence of the Resource Element, although an Unfavourable Element, is a major problem. Broadly speaking, business people and entrepreneurs, are especially in need of Noble People – these represent individuals who give you a chance by perhaps giving you your first deal or people who look out for you in the cut-throat world of doing business. The absence of the Resource Element also generally indicates lots of problems with recruitment of staff or a tendency to recruit staff who don't perform well. There is also a tendency, due to the absence of the Resource Element, to be careless and footloose and fancy-free with important details.

Thus, although the Indirect Wealth Star is favourable, the absence of the other Stars that are needed for a successful entrepreneurial career suggest that the entrepreneurial path may not be the best means in which to deploy the Favourable Wealth Element.

Step 7: Identify 3 actions that can be undertaken to manage the Unfavourable Elements

- As the Companion Elements are unfavourable, this Jia Wood Day Master should avoid working in a team-based setup at work. Preferably, this Jia Wood Day Master should assume a leadership position, as this will enable the use of the Influence Element and the Output Element.
- There is a need to avoid a short-cut mentality towards important matters in life, as this would involve the use of the Rob Wealth Star, which is not a favourable Star for this Jia Wood Day Master.
- The presence of the Friend Star denotes a tendency to be very self-centered or selfish in one's personal outlook. This is not a good attitude to profess or to have as it represents utilising the Unfavourable Element of this chart, which is the Companion Element. The polar opposite of this is the Direct Officer Star, which represents doing what is right but also, what is best for the greater good, as opposed to one's self. It is also a Favourable Element for this Day Master.

Earth

Wood

Fire

Metal

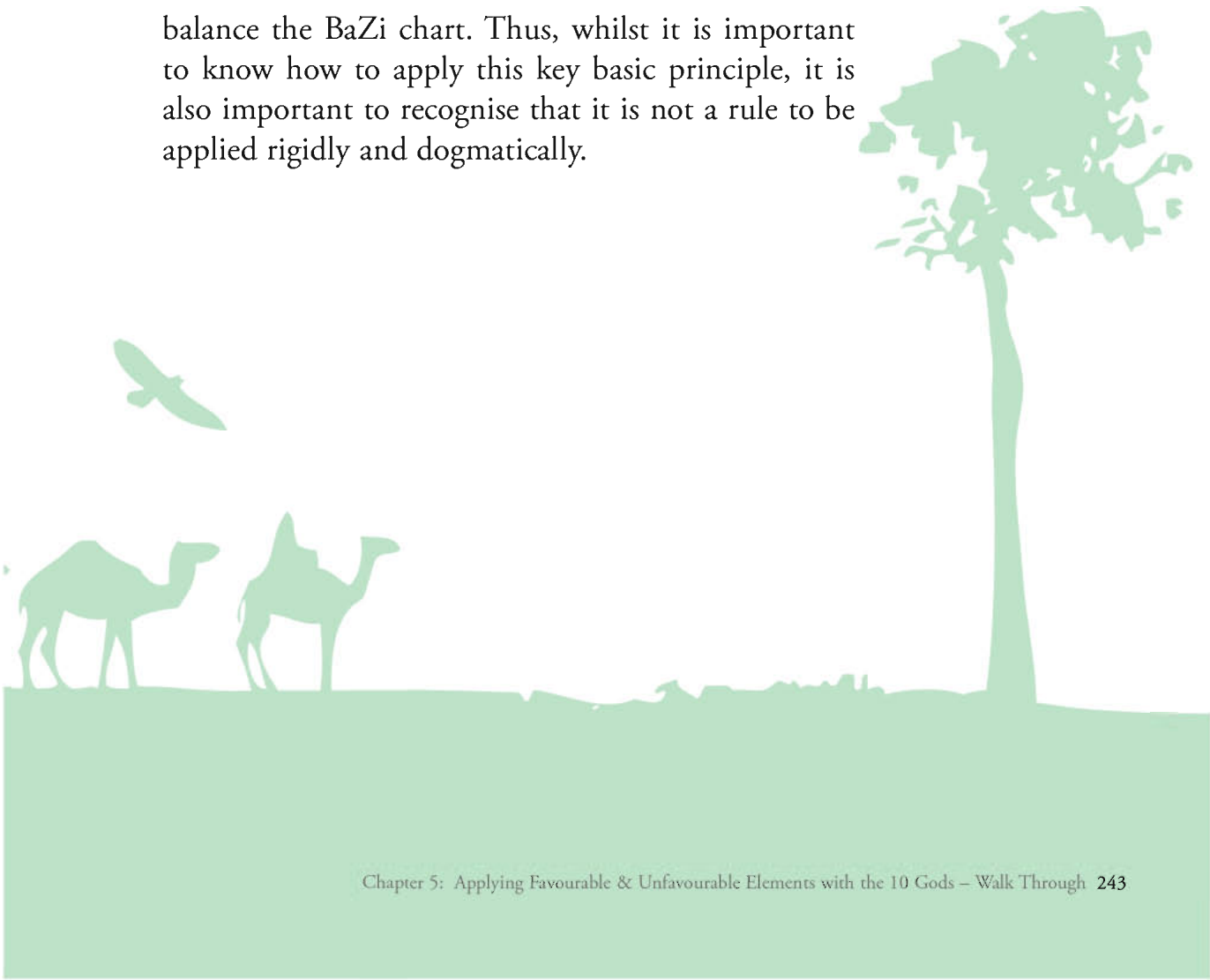
Water

In this example, the basic analysis indicates the Output Element in this chart is a Favourable Element. But in reality, the Output Element is a negative element because it ultimately makes the entire chart much hotter and dryer, rather than helping the chart achieve elemental equilibrium. Thus, employing a more sophisticated analysis, the Output Element would actually be regarded as an Unfavourable Element because of its detrimental effect on the elemental equilibrium of the chart.

Although the Resource Element is an Unfavourable Element due to the strength of the Day Master, when we look at what is needed to bring elemental equilibrium to the chart, the Resource Element, represented by Water, is such an element. This Jia 甲 Wood Day Master is like a tree in the middle of the parched desert – the chart is dry and hot and Water is needed to cool the chart and also most importantly, water the Jia Wood. After all, all living things need Water, and Wood in particular, cannot grow without Water. Unfortunately, the Resource Element is missing in this chart, which means the element that the Day Master actually needs, is not present.

The application of the Favourable and Unfavourable Elements does not necessarily mean that all the Favourable Elements are always definitively Favourable. The broader overall picture of the chart must always be taken into consideration. Ultimately, the key determination of the quality of a BaZi chart is whether or not the chart has the means to attain elemental equilibrium and the right elements to achieve balance.

The principle of Favourable and Unfavourable Elements is a good simple form of preliminary analysis of a BaZi chart. In some instances, Favourable and Unfavourable Elements can be the key to unlocking the interpretation of a chart. But at the same time, it is important to also appreciate that there will be times when the Favourable and Unfavourable Elements principle does not correspond with more advanced principles, such as the Useful God and Regulating Useful God. Equally, not all Favourable Elements are equally Favourable, or necessarily usable, by the Day Master – the basic tenets of what each Day Master needs most in the chart must also come into consideration. As such, the principle of Favourable and Unfavourable Elements does not always yield a correct conclusion on what Element is needed to balance the BaZi chart. Thus, whilst it is important to know how to apply this key basic principle, it is also important to recognise that it is not a rule to be applied rigidly and dogmatically.



Chapter 6
ACTION, REFINED

In Chapter 7 of *Enter the 10 Gods*, I offered some broad ideas on possible actions that can be undertaken by the individual, in light of an improved understanding of their Character via decoding of their BaZi. Specifically by knowing and being aware of the Dominant Characteristics in your BaZi chart, it is also possible to make certain changes to your behaviour or approach to life, in order to either make the most use of a specific skill or ability, or to downplay a certain weakness or flaw.

As your knowledge and understanding of the 10 Gods expands further into new areas, it is important to constantly revisit and return to very important question.

WHAT ACTION CAN I TAKE?

The added layer of accuracy, insight and knowledge provided by the 10 Gods is of no use if no action is taken to address the problems that arise or are identified or are predicted via the BaZi analysis. Every new analysis technique that you learn in each of the *Power of X* series of books should give rise to new thoughts, new possibilities, new insights and new understanding. And in turn, it will give rise to a new series or course of actions that you can take to help you get where you want to go.

As such, every time you learn something new about yourself or every time you discover some insight into your character or your Destiny, ask yourself this question: WHAT ACTION CAN I TAKE NOW THAT I HAVE THIS INFORMATION?

That is why you will find that I keep coming back to the issue of taking action in my books and that is why you will find that this issue is revisited with almost annoying regularity in each of the *Power of X* series. I'm not trying to be predictable but I am hoping that you'll be reminded NOT to be predictable by falling into the same bad habits or repeating the same mistakes.

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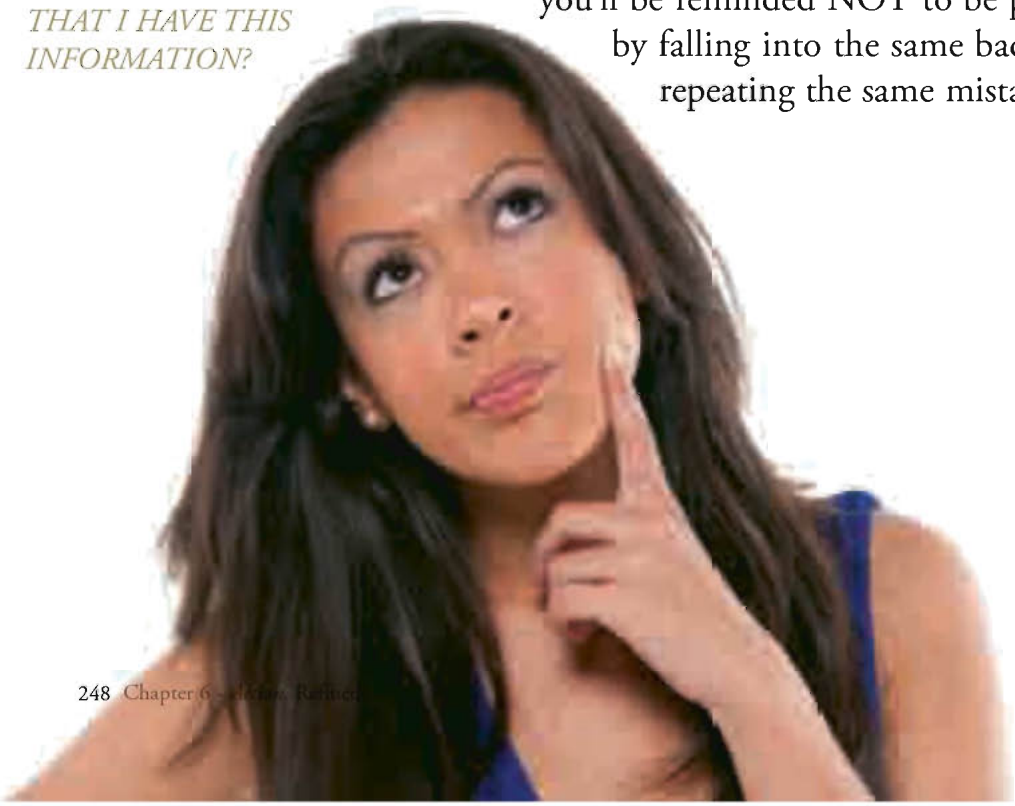
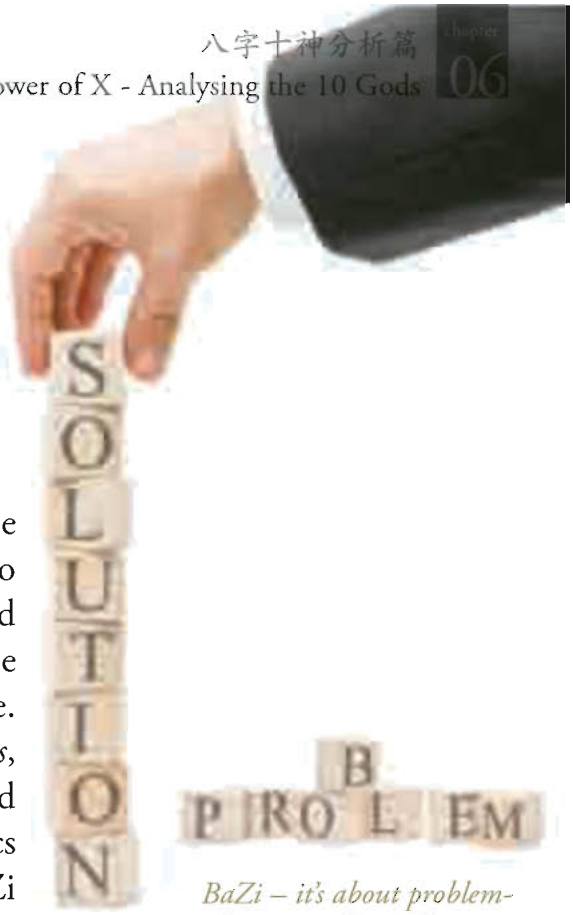


Granted, at times, it may not be easy for you to figure out what you should be doing. But that's part of the fun of BaZi – it's about problem-solving, and initially, problem-solving for yourself!



BaZi – it's about problem-solving, and initially, problem solving for yourself!

In this Chapter, we're going to look at some of the BaZi analysis techniques and also the raw knowledge that you have on hand about the 10 Gods and establish some broad categories for action and change. Recall in Chapter 7 of *Enter the 10 Gods*, the primary analysis technique involved ascertaining the Dominant Characteristics and Absent Characteristics of a given BaZi chart. The action and change ideas were then developed from the base information about the Dominant Characteristics and Absent Characteristics. In this chapter, I will offer some action and change ideas derived from the base knowledge you have about the 10 Gods (specifically the Matters and People each 10 God represents) and analysis techniques you have learned in this book which are based on the principle of Favourable and Unfavourable Elements.

Ultimately, as you work through this chapter, remember that the objective here is not to dictate an action or change agenda for you. Only YOU can determine what is your personal change or action agenda. Rather, this is about ideas for change, and ideas for action that you can take. What you chose to do (and significantly, not do) depends a lot on what you want to achieve at this given point in time and the priorities you have in life.

Be In the Right Industry

There are many things in life that sometimes we have no liberty of choice over – as the old saying goes, you can chose your friends, but not your relatives. And certainly, you can't chose where you're born, who your parents are, or what race you will be. But, it constantly amazes me how many people do not bother to exercise CHOICE over the areas of their life within which they do have the liberty of choice and that is where they spend a minimum of eight hours of a day, five days a week: THEIR JOB.

By determining your personal Favourable and Unfavourable Elements, you are able to ascertain which industries are suited for your chart and which industries are less suited for your chart. The table below provides you with a broad indicator of the different industries and how they are grouped by element.

Element	Industries
木 Wood	Agriculture, education, publishing, general trade, fashion, organic/green/eco businesses, medical and pharmaceutical, property development, plantations, journalism, print, design.
水 Water	Consulting, logistics, travel, beverages, aquatics, fisheries, hospitality, tourism, spas, retail, FMCG.
火 Fire	Beauty, public relations, media, entertainment, aviation, technology, metaphysics, spiritual healing, religious practice, food and beverage, film.
金 Metal	Law and order, judicial, military, legal, manufacturing, automobiles, jewellery, metallurgy, finance, politics, numbers-driven industry.
土 Earth	Construction, quarrying, antiques, trust-centric businesses such as escrow services, real estate, construction materials, nursery, wellness, land banks.

Being in the right industry is the absolute BARE NECESSITY as far taking action is concerned. This is the one thing that most people actually have some measure of control over and probably some measure of choice. Before I hear the chorus of disapproval that it's not easy to be in the right industry, read the fine print: I'm not even going into the issue of doing the RIGHT JOB – I'm talking about just being in an INDUSTRY that is elementally suitable for you, based on your chart. Think of the right industry as placing yourself in the right Macro environment and the right job as being in the right Micro environment.

Often times, it is very difficult for a person to alter their Micro environment and there are many reasons for this. Time and money invested are usually the main challenge. If someone has spent twenty years of their life working as an accountant, including having spent time and money to acquire additional qualifications such as a CPA or to become a chartered accountant, it simply may not be possible for them to simply make a switch into another line of work, especially if that line of work requires undertaking new training or going back to university. Personal commitments can also make any change to the Micro environment difficult – if you have a family to feed or children to pay for, you simply can't decide to give up your job and spend three years going back to university, no matter how unfavourable that job may be for you, based on your BaZi.

Metal Industry

But, it is almost always possible, in my experience, to change your Macro environment because means doing the same job, just in a different industry.

Let's take an example: Sam has trained for the last fifteen years to become an accountant and now works for an accounting firm. Accounting falls under Finance, which is categorised as a Metal Industry. However, Metal is an Unfavourable Element for Sam, which means that he is working in a job and industry that is not suited to his BaZi chart. Having spent fifteen years in the accounting field and perhaps even having attained quite a high level of qualification or knowledge, Sam may be loath to abandon accounting to start over again or possibly even can't afford to take a pay cut and go into a different job.

Fire Industry

In this instance, the Micro environment is too difficult to alter due to circumstances, economic and otherwise. The solution then is to alter the Macro environment – change the industry, maintain the job. Let's say that the element of Fire is one of Sam's Favourable Elements. Technology, IT, entertainment, public relations, food and beverage, aviation, medical and pharmaceutical industries all fall under the ambit of the Fire element. Sam should therefore look for a job as an accountant or a financial controller position if he is fairly senior, in a company or organisation that is in the Fire industry.

Being in the right industry, even if you may not necessarily be doing the right job, is an example of how you take action, even when the circumstances are not ideal. There is always something you can do and any change, even if it's small, is always better than no change. Focus on what you can do, change, or achieve. In an ideal world, everyone would hold a job that falls within their Favourable Elements, and work for a company or organisation that also falls within their Favourable Elements. But life is rarely ideal or perfect. By altering the industry without changing the job, it represents a compromise, but ultimately, it is better than being in an Unfavourable Micro and Macro environment.

Do the Right Job

Being in the right industry is the bare minimum that you should do by way of making use of the information about your Favourable and Unfavourable Elements. By adding on the layer of the 10 Gods on top of the Favourable and Unfavourable Elements, you can develop a fairly accurate snapshot of the kind of job that you ought to be doing, in order to achieve success by way of your career. Ideally, you want to not just be in the right industry, but be doing a job that connects closely with your Favourable Elements.

How do you know what kind of job connects with your Favourable Elements? Just identify the specific 10 Gods that connect with your Favourable Elements, look at the qualities or matters that those 10 Gods co-relate to, and see how much of connect there is between that and the nature and manner of your existing job.

For example, if the Eating God Star is the *only* Output Star in your chart and the Output Element is a Favourable Element, then you SHOULD do a job that is Eating God-esque in nature – one that involves strategic thinking, long-term vision, staying power, entails being the behind-the-scenes mastermind, unique creativity and capacity for great detail. So if you are doing a job that involves reacting to trends rather than setting trends, or if you are doing a job that is all big-picture and affords you no opportunity to get your hands dirty with the details, then there is a low level of connect between your Favourable Elements and your job.

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申 Shen **Monkey** Yang Metal	丑 Chou **Ox** Yin Earth	辰 Chen **Dragon** Yang Earth	未 Wei **Goat** Yin Earth	地支 Earthly Branches
戊 Wu + Earth 財 DW 庚 Geng + Metal 官 DO 壬 Ren + Water 印 DR	辛 Xin - Metal 殺 7K 己 Ji - Earth 才 IW 癸 Gui - Water 卩 IR	癸 Gui - Water 卩 IR 戊 Wu + Earth 財 DW 乙 Yi - Wood 比 F	乙 Yi - Wood 比 F 己 Ji - Earth 才 IW 丁 Ding - Fire 食 EG	藏干 Hidden Stems

This Yi 乙 Wood Day Master is born in the month of Dragon 辰 (Chen), which is part of the Spring season. In Spring, Wood is the most prosperous and dominant element so this Yi Wood Day Master is considered Strong. A Strong Day Master favours the Wealth, Output and Influence Elements. In this chart, the only Output Element present is the Eating God Star, represented by Ding 丁 Fire. Therefore, the Eating God Star would be regarded as Favourable for this Day Master. Accordingly, this Yi Wood Day Master should ensure that their job scope requires traits or abilities that relate to the Eating God Star or involves matters that relate to the Eating God Star.

Let's try another example. Let's say the Influence Element is one of your Favourable Elements and you only have the Direct Officer Star in your chart. Then you SHOULD be doing a job that plays to the strengths of the Direct Officer Star – strong sense of organisation, natural leadership skills, inherent decision-making ability, strong integrity, clear thinking and a take-charge nature.

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戌 Xu **Dog** Yang Earth	寅 Yin **Tiger** Yang Wood	辰 Chen **Dragon** Yang Earth	酉 You **Rooster** Yin Metal	地支 Earthly Branches
丁 Ding - Fire 傷 HO / 戊 Wu + Earth 才 IW / 辛 Xin - Metal 官 DO	戊 Wu + Earth 才 IW / 甲 Jia + Wood 比 F / 丙 Bing + Fire 食 EG	癸 Gui - Water 印 DR / 戊 Wu + Earth 才 IW / 乙 Yi - Wood 劫 RW	辛 Xin - Metal 官 DO	藏干 Hidden Stems

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Now it is quite possible for charts involving strong Day Masters to have up to six Stars available for use – in other words, the three Favourable Elements of Wealth, Output and Influence are all present and the Direct Wealth, Indirect Wealth, Hurting Officer, Eating God, Direct Officer and 7 Killings Stars are all present in the chart. In such instances, it would be quite impractical to try to find a job that makes use of all three Favourable Elements and by extension, all six Stars. In this instance, you want to look at the Dominant Characteristics of the chart and utilise the Dominant Characteristic that also is a Favourable Element.

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正官 DO 丙 Bing Yang Fire	日元 DM 辛 Xin Yin Metal	食神 EG 癸 Gui Yin Water	正財 DW 甲 Jia Yang Wood	天干 Heavenly Stems
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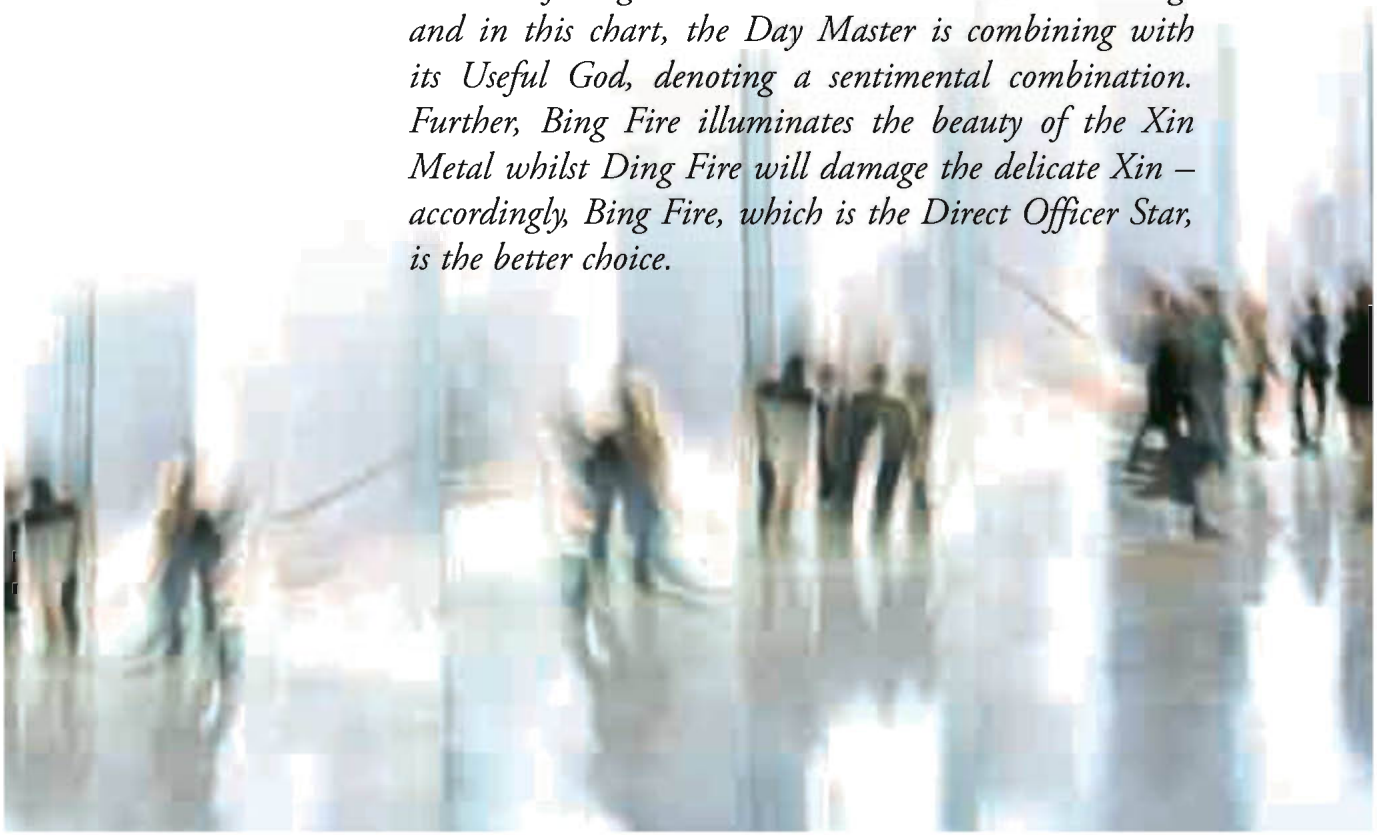
This Xin 辛 Metal Day Master is born in the month of Rooster 酉 (You), which is part of the Autumn season. In Autumn, Metal is the most prosperous and dominant element so this Xin Metal Day Master is considered Strong. A Strong Xin Metal Day Master favours the Wealth, Output and Influence Elements, represented by Wood, Water and Fire Elements respectively. In this chart, both Jia 甲 Wood and Yi 乙 Wood are present, both Ren 壬 Water and Gui 癸 Water are present and

both Bing 丙 Fire and In this chart, the Direct Wealth Star (represented by Jia 甲 Wood), Direct Officer Star (represented by Bing Fire) and the Hurting Officer Star (represented by Ren 壬 Water) are the 'chosen ones' by way of being the Stars that would be best utilised by this Xin 辛 Metal Day Master when it comes to picking a suitable job or career.

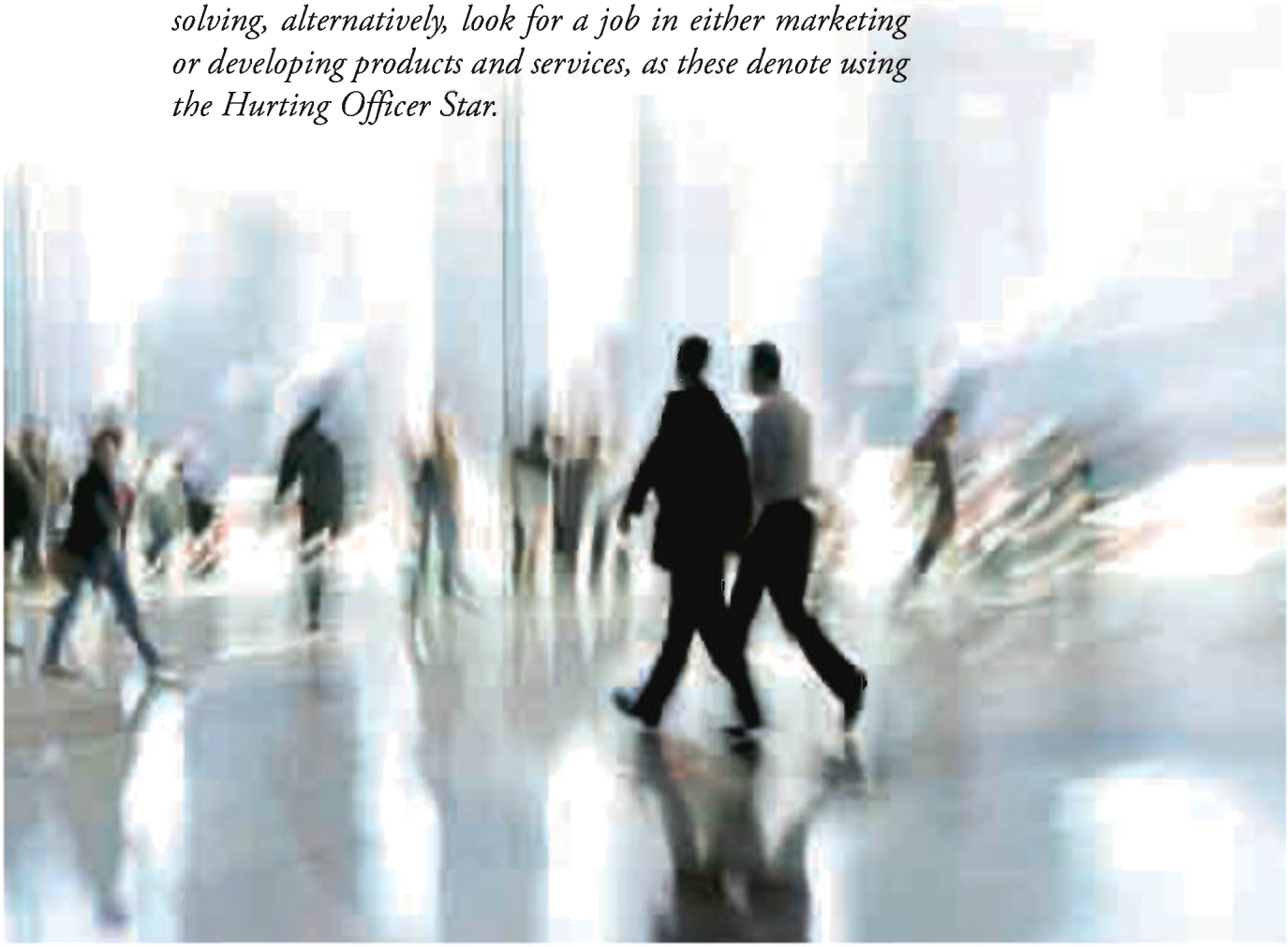
Why these three Stars? Let's take Jia Wood or the Direct Wealth Star first. Although both the Direct and Indirect Wealth Stars are present, Jia Wood is better utilised because firstly, Jia is a Dominant Characteristic, being rooted within the Dragon 辰 (Chen) in the Year Pillar. Secondly, as Jia appears in the Stems, it is the more 'accessible' Wealth Star, compared to Yi 乙 Wood, which appears in the Sub-Qi of both the Dragon and Goat, making it harder to utilise.

Bing Fire is chosen because of its proximity to the Day Master and also because Bing Fire is a Useful God here – this chart is a cold chart and would benefit from the warmth of Bing Fire. Further, Xin combines with Bing, and in this chart, the Day Master is combining with its Useful God, denoting a sentimental combination. Further, Bing Fire illuminates the beauty of the Xin Metal whilst Ding Fire will damage the delicate Xin – accordingly, Bing Fire, which is the Direct Officer Star, is the better choice.



Finally, Ren Water is chosen because first and foremost, Xin Metal prefers the use of Ren Water to wash and bring out the glitter of the Xin Metal. Secondly, Ren is preferred because using Gui 癸 Water would result in both the Bing Fire's sunlight being diminished by Gui (which represents the clouds) and because Gui will encourage the Bing-Xin combination to produce Water, an outcome that we do not want here.

As such, this strong Xin Metal Day Master should seek out a job or career that involves employment or working for someone thus using the Direct Officer and Direct Wealth Stars together. Since Fire is the Useful God (in addition to being one of the Favourable Elements), the Fire industry accordingly should be the port of call for this Xin Metal Day Master. Finally, this Xin Metal Day Master should look for a role that involves a high degree of creativity, innovation, idea generation and problem-solving, alternatively, look for a job in either marketing or developing products and services, as these denote using the Hurting Officer Star.



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This Geng 庚 Metal Day Master is born in the month of Dog 戌 (Xu), which is part of the Autumn season. In Autumn, Metal is the most prosperous and dominant element so this Geng Metal Day Master is considered Strong. A Strong Day Master favours the Wealth, Output and Influence Elements. This chart has five out of six of the Favourable Element-related Stars, namely the Direct Wealth and Indirect Wealth Stars, the Eating God Star, the Direct Officer Star and the 7 Killings Star. Only the Hurting Officer Star is absent. In this instance, to help the person identify the kind of job that best suits them, we need to look at the Dominant Characteristics of the chart in tandem with the Favourable Elements.

In this example, the Direct Officer Star and the Direct Wealth Star are the Dominant Characteristics – thus, this person should be in a job that makes maximum use of the Direct Wealth and Direct Officer Stars. A job that is heavily management-centric would be ideal since the Direct Wealth and Direct Officer Stars most closely co-relate with leadership, taking charge, getting things done, and indicate a highly responsible attitude and outlook. These two Stars also indicate a good ability to

handle financial matters, which would again, put the person firmly in the management track as far as careers go. The Direct Wealth Star indicates a fixed income or a salary from a fixed source and the Direct Officer Star relates to the boss or superior but also indicates the person will excel in a structured, hierarchical environment since these are values that resonate with this Geng Metal person anyway. All these indicators suggest that this Geng Metal person should not work for himself but should be a career employee or a company man.

The more your job entails or involves qualities or matters that relate to the specific 10 Gods that co-relate with your Favourable Elements, the greater the likelihood that you are doing the right job. If you are doing the right job (and also in the right industry), then the likelihood that you are not just going to be good at what you do, but successful at what you do, goes up exponentially. Conversely, if you are doing a job that has a low level of connect with your Favourable Elements, it might explain why you are getting nowhere with your career. You are either doing something that you are either not very good at doing or don't particularly like doing (and so therefore aren't very good at doing it). This is likely to be the case if you also happen to be in the wrong Macro environment and are not working in an industry that plays to your Favourable Elements.

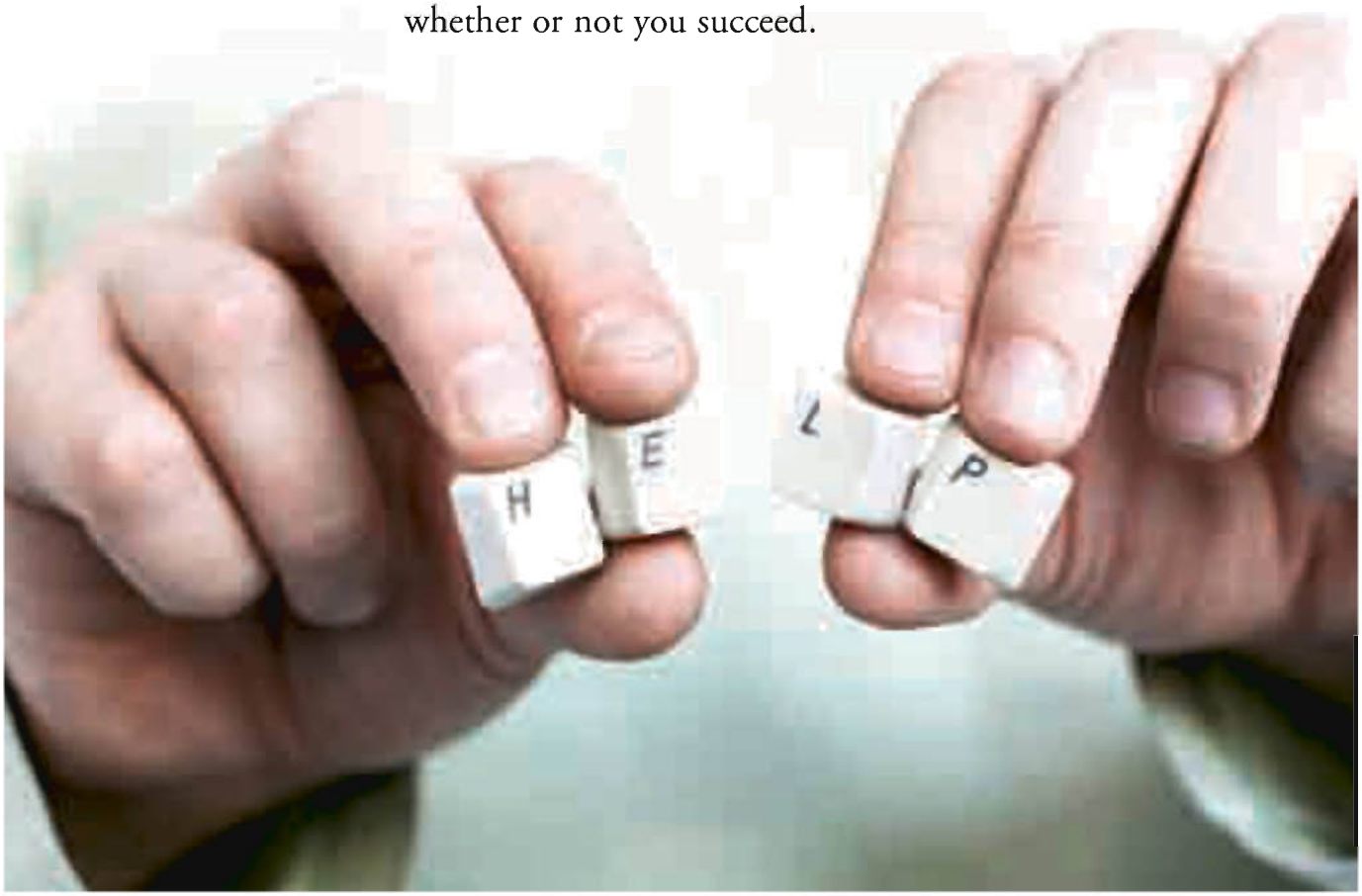
The following table provides a general guideline of how the 10 Gods relate to the different job positions. Coordinate this information with that of your Favourable and Unfavourable Elements to get an idea of the types of roles/jobs that you should be doing and the types of roles/jobs that you should stay away from.

正財 **Direct Wealth**	Public representative, civil servants who follow the law in detail; policy enforcement roles, business, finance, shop, retail, culture, small business, manufacturing, stores, gold owners, brokers, justices of the peace, prosecutors.
偏財 **Indirect Wealth**	Entrepreneur in diverse economic activities, trading and sales. Business, industry speculation, production, business marketing, agents, trade, stocks, securities, investment, foreign, gold, finance.
正官 **Direct Officer**	Business administration, public, religion, politics, administration, judiciary, house management, military police, engineers, running a business.
七殺 **7 Killings**	Work that needs guts. Surgeons, military, police, industry competition, the judiciary, skills, commanders, adventure industry, sports staff, martial arts, science, liberal arts.
傷官 **Hurting Officer**	Suitable for development work, out of the box thinking, creative jobs, designer, creator, entertainers, singers, debate, musicians, painters, artists, wholesalers, physicians, science, education, radio and television.

食神 **Eating God**	Public, services, art specialist, artist, designer, creative roles, diplomacy, business. Entertainers, singers, wholesalers, doctors, education, arts, radio and television
劫財 **Rob Wealth**	Strategists for speculative work, free trade, services, industry partnerships, investment, trade, foreign affairs, foreign affairs, mobile industry, exploration, transportation, managing director
比肩 **Friend**	Work that involves high pressure environments, partnership business, investment, free trade, elected representatives, public services, attorneys, accountants, doctors, financial-related industry.
正印 **Direct Resource**	Serve as deputies and assistants, jobs involving or related to culture, education, clerical, administrative, civil, philosophy, astronomy, metaphysics, astrology and religion-related fields. Suitable roles include teacher, writer, academic, literary, priest, mage, lyricist, composer, accounting, statistics, staff, secretarial,
偏印 **Indirect Resource**	Work that requires artistic, original and imaginative attributes, pharmaceutical, technology, invention, religion, astrology, metaphysics, education, civil service, investigation, radio, calligraphy, director, photographer, research, design, development, unconventional teachers, monks, nuns, religion, advertising design and art.

Getting the Right Help (Do you even need help?)

Getting things done in this life is all about directing your requests at the right people and also, knowing who to ask for assistance or help when the going gets tough. By combining your knowledge of the Favourable and Unfavourable Elements of your chart with the information about which persons or class of individuals the 10 Gods represent, you can determine who will be the people or class of individuals that are most helpful to you and spend your time interacting and talking to THEM. You can also determine who are the people or class of individuals who won't be of much help to you and stop wasting your time asking them for help or ideas on how to get things done. This might seem like a rather trivial consideration but if you have ever tried to get something done or fix a problem or overcome a challenge, knowing WHO to ask for help or seek assistance is a big factor in whether or not you succeed.



Most of us for example tend to turn to our friends whenever we are facing problems or difficulties with work issues or just general life problems. But what you are a Strong Day Master? Your friends (which in 10 Gods-speak, would be the Rob Wealth or Friend Star) aren't actually that helpful or useful to you because you don't need the Companion Element. So whilst you may get some emotional or psychological benefit out of venting your frustrations out on your friends, you're not likely to be getting any effective advice or information or knowledge that is going to help you solve your problem. Talking to your boss (the Direct Officer Star or 7 Killings Star), or even speaking to your staff (the Eating God or Hurting Officer Star) might actually provide you with a better idea of how to solve the problem or how to deal with the issue because for a Strong Day Master, the Output and Influence Elements are Favourable. For a Strong Day Master, the Wealth Element is also Favourable – so heading home and spending some time talking to your father (the Direct Wealth or Indirect Wealth Star, depending on your gender) might be more beneficial than pulling an all-nighter with your friends and ending up with no real answer as to how to solve your problem.

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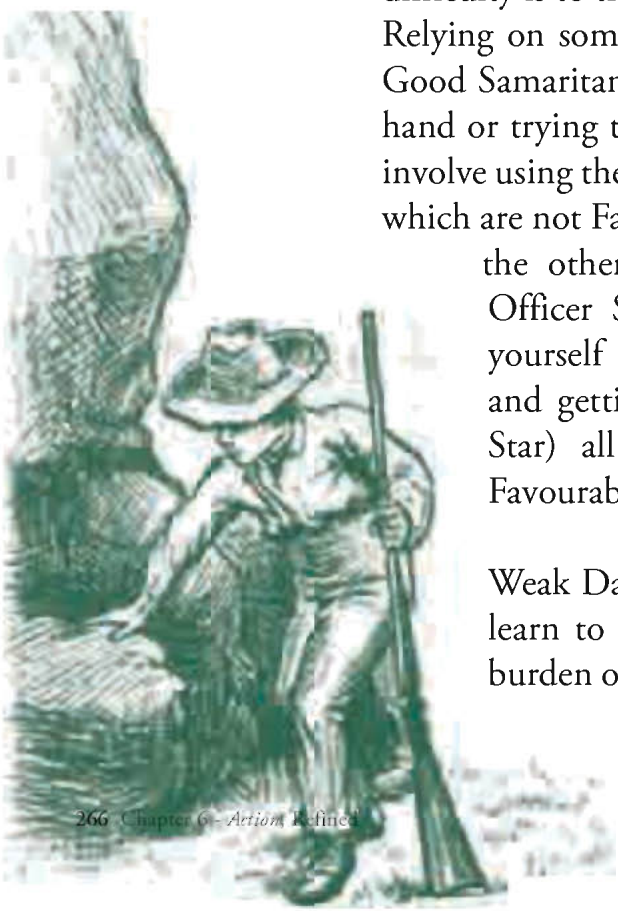
On the other hand, a weak Day Master should be turning to friends and colleagues or even siblings for help when the going gets tough. Remember that a weak Day Master does not favour the Wealth, Output or Influence Stars, but does favour the Companion and Resource Elements. So if you are a weak Day Master, talking to your boss or turning to your staff for solutions to your problems is probably not the wisest course of action. Trying to solve the problem all

by yourself or taking an independent approach is not also likely to yield any outcomes since this involves using the Direct Wealth and/or Direct Officer Star, both which represent an independent, do-it-yourself approach. Instead, you may find that asking for help from your friends or siblings is likely to yield better outcomes or results.

But before you decide who you should ask for help, you might also want to determine if you are better off helping yourself or getting other people to help you. Knowing what is the best WAY to solve your problems is as important as knowing WHO to talk to or ask for help.

Strong Day Masters, by virtue of the fact that the Companion Element is Unfavourable, are better off relying on themselves than on others. In other words, your first port of call when you get into any kind of difficulty is to try and dig yourself out of trouble first. Relying on someone else to help you, hoping that a Good Samaritan will walk past and extend a helping hand or trying to pull a Huckleberry Finn effectively involve using the Resource and Companion Elements, which are not Favourable to a Strong Day Master. On the other hand, relying on yourself (Direct Officer Star), coming up with the solution yourself (Hurting Officer/Eating God Star), and getting your hands dirty (Direct Wealth Star) all involves using Elements that are Favourable to the Strong Day Master.

Huckleberry Finn



Weak Day Masters on the other hand, should learn to ask for help and learn to spread the burden or responsibilities of getting something

done. This is because Weak Day Masters favour the Companion and Resource Elements. Thus, the Weak Day Master should adhere to the old proverb that many hands make for light work and aspire to get as many people involved in helping them get something done by way of using the Companion Element. The weak Day Master also needs to learn to let people to help them because the Resource Star co-relates with help, assistance and support and by being willing to accept help or support or assistance, it constitutes effective use of the Resource Star.

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Now, just because you are supposed to get things done a certain way, that doesn't meant that you will necessarily be *inclined* to do that. The Dominant Characteristics in your chart may work actually against the Favourable Elements of your chart.

Take the example of a Strong Day Master with the Direct Resource as a Dominant Characteristic in the chart. As a Strong Day Master, Wealth, Output and Influence Elements are Favourable, whilst the Resource and Companion Elements are Unfavourable. As such, this is a person who should try to resolve problems themselves or seek to help themselves before looking for others to help them and who ought to adopt a pro-active approach to all situations in life as a way of utilising their Favourable Elements. But because the Direct Resource Star is a Dominant Characteristic, the qualities of this Star will dominate the person's character, making the person inclined to be lazy, dependant on others and inclined to be passive or un-reactive to situations that arise requiring their attention. Due to the effect of the Dominant Characteristic, the Favourable Elements become sidelined.

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This Xin 辛 Metal Day Master is born in month of Rooster 酉 (You), which is part of the season of Autumn, where Metal is the dominant and most prosperous element. The season of birth renders the Day Master a Strong Day Master. There is also a partial Metal Frame Three Harmony Combination present in this chart, in the form of the Ox 丑 (Chou) and Rooster 酉 (You), further adding to the Strength of the Day Master. As the Day Master is Strong, the Resource Element is not considered a Favourable Element in this chart.

The Indirect Resource Star is clearly a Dominant Characteristic in this chart, as Ji Earth is rooted in both the Goat 未 (Wei), Ox (Chou) and Horse 午 (Wu) Earthly Branches. As such, this person will be inclined to strongly exhibit the traits of the Indirect Resource Star in their personality. Given that the Indirect Resource Star is an Unfavourable Element, the negative qualities of the Indirect Resource Star are more likely to show, which means this person's tendency to be reliant on other people, inclination to be passive rather than proactive, and procrastinate on important decisions or action, will be very pronounced. Yet these are not traits which the

person should be utilising on a day-to-day basis because they do not connect with the Favourable Elements of the chart, namely the Wealth, Output and Influence Elements, which associate with the traits of hard work, focused and disciplined temperament, decisiveness and high productivity. This is an example of a chart where the Dominant Characteristic creates challenges for the person to utilise the Favourable Elements.

The same conundrum can also happen to weak Day Master with strong Wealth or Influence Elements in the chart. A weak Day Master favours the Companion and Resource Elements and does not favour the Wealth, Output and Influence Elements. In a given challenging or difficult situation or wherein an obstacle arises, the weak Day Master should seek help from friends or seek assistance or support. However, if the Dominant Characteristics are the Wealth or Influence Elements, then the person will be disinclined to ask for help from people because the Direct Wealth/Indirect Wealth Stars or the Direct Officer/7 Killings Stars will drive the person to be highly independent and hands-on. They will prefer to take charge of the situation and get things done themselves rather than rely on other people or ask people for help because waiting for someone to help them takes too long!

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This Gui 癸 Water Day Master is born in month of Snake 巳 (Si), which is part of the season of Summer, where Fire is the strongest. The season of birth renders the Day Master a weak Day Master since Water is weak in the season of Summer. As the Day Master is weak, the Wealth, Output and Influence Elements are not Favourable Elements, whilst the Companion and Resource Elements are Favourable Elements. In this chart, the Indirect Wealth Star and Direct Officer Star are Dominant Characteristics, making this person highly impatient, ultra-efficient and inclined to rolling up their sleeves and getting their hands dirty rather than waiting for other people.

Where the Dominant Characteristics is at odds with the Favourable Elements, it is very important to be aware the problem exists and make a conscious choice and effort NOT to follow the tune of the Dominant Characteristics. Instead, there must be a conscious effort to utilise the Favourable Elements and to cultivate the traits and habits related to the Favourable Elements.

Do Something You Love

In the grand scheme of things, no one wants to be doing something in life that they hate. But many times, limited choices mean that we don't always get to do the things we like – financial realities mean sometimes someone has to do a job that they don't like but pays the bills. Family realities mean sometimes someone has to enter an industry that they may not be interested in but someone has to take over the family business. I think it's in instances like these that it is all the more important to make sure that you have fun and DO something that you love.

Once again, the ever-versatile Favourable Elements, combined with information about the matters governed by the 10 Gods will afford you plenty of Hansel and Gretel-like breadcrumb clues as to what it is that you can be doing or should be doing which you will love. For example, if the Direct Wealth Star is one of your Favourable Elements, then your work is what you love. There's nothing wrong with that – you enjoy being busy, doing things, fixing problems, and making money. Work is something that you *will* love doing. Work is how you will find your fulfilment. If the Eating God Star is one of your Favourable Elements, then food is probably your passion and cooking or writing or playing the guitar in your room by yourself might well be something that you love to do. If the Indirect Resource Star is one of your Favourable Elements, then you love nothing better than to be mucking around in your garage

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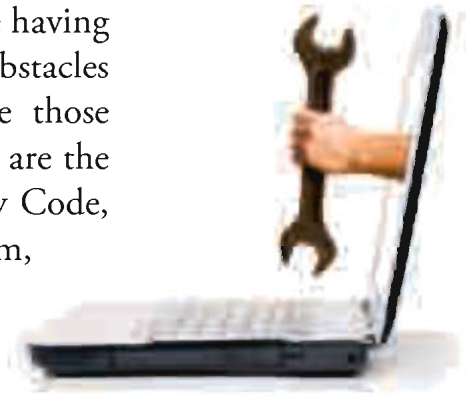
tinkering with your car perhaps, or learning how to read tarot cards, or checking out haunted houses. Helping the less fortunate, finding ways in which to solve the problems of the world or just volunteering your time for a charity will also be what gives you great fulfilment. If the Rob Wealth Star is one of your Favourable Elements, then the thing you love is shopping and spending money. It could also be playing team sports or just spending time shooting the breeze with your friends.

If the Rob Wealth Star is one of your Favourable Elements, then you would enjoy playing in team sports like basketball.

BaZi gives you insights into the practical matters in life but it is also here to show you how to achieve personal fulfilment by way of doing something that you love.

You can't fix *everything*...

The opposite of those who do nothing despite having learnt a great deal about the challenges, obstacles and opportunities they will face in life are those who adopt the Kitchen Sink approach. These are the individuals who upon decoding their Destiny Code, set about attempting to rectify every problem, big or small, chase after every opportunity, insignificant or otherwise, and avoid every obstacle to the point of possibly inaction.



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The idea that you can in one fell swoop, change everything that isn't working, fix everything that needs fixing and achieve everything that is possible is to ignore two important realities: that great change is difficult often to pull off and significantly, you need the right Luck Pillars to implement certain changes which in turn, will help you achieve a specific goal.

Throughout the *Destiny Code* series and the *Power of X* series, the 10-year Luck Pillars are something which I have tried to keep within your field of vision at all times. Understanding the interactions between the BaZi chart and the 10-year Luck Pillars is an aspect of BaZi analysis that can only come after a strong grasp and understanding of the 10 Gods, which is why it has not been something I have emphasised. But it is important to appreciate that the Luck Pillars are a critical component of the Change Equation.

In short, just because you CAN, doesn't mean you should do so NOW.

Take a look at these two examples, which aptly illustrate the importance of timing when it comes to taking action.

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卯 Mao **Rabbit** Yin Wood	巳 Si **Snake** Yin Fire	亥 Hai **Pig** Yin Water	亥 Hai **Pig** Yin Water	地支 Earthly Branches
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貴人 Nobleman 文昌 Intelligence 學堂 Study Hall 金匱 Gold Lock 五鬼 Five Ghost 官符 Litigation	貴人 Nobleman 歲破 Year Breaker 大耗 Great Consumer 天罡 Sky Bright	羊刃 Goat Blade 流霞 Red Chamber 驛馬 Sky Horse 血刃 Blood Knife 歲刑 Year Punishment 太歲 Grand Duke	羊刃 Goat Blade 流霞 Red Chamber 驛馬 Sky Horse	神煞 Aux Stars

This Gui 癸 Water Day Master is born in month of Pig 亥 (Hai), which is part of the season of Winter, where Water is the strongest. The season of birth renders the Day Master a strong Day Master. As the Day Master is strong, the Wealth, Output and Influence Elements, represented by Fire, Wood and Earth respectively are Favourable Elements. Meanwhile, the Companion and Resource Elements, represented by Water and Metal respectively, are Unfavourable Elements.

In this chart, the Wealth Element is the most favourable of all three of the Favourable Elements. Both the Direct Wealth Star (represented by Bing 丙 Fire) and the Indirect Wealth Star (represented by Ding 丁 Fire) are present in the chart. The Direct Wealth Element in this chart is also the Useful God of the chart, which is cold and thus needs the warmth of the Bing Fire to bring balance to the chart. Structurally, this is what is termed a 食神生財格 or *Eating God produces Wealth Structure. Accordingly, this person is suited to an entrepreneurial career.*

However, this person should not be in a rush to start-up his own business but may well benefit from working for others first. Observe the 21-31 Luck Pillar of Wu Shen 戊申 or Earth Monkey. On the surface, this appears to be a good Luck Pillar since it contains Wu 戊 Earth, which is part of the Influence Element, which is a Favourable Element for this strong Gui 癸 Water Day Master. However, recall that it is what is in the Earthly Branches that carries more weight whenever we are looking at any pillar. The Monkey 申 (Shen) lurks in the Earthly Branches – Monkey (Shen) contains an unfavourable element, Metal, as its Main Qi. Metal, as you will recall, is the Direct Resource Star of a Gui Water Day Master. Monkey (Shen) is also the Growth Branch of Water, which is also an Unfavourable Element.

"見財化水" or Seeing Wealth Dissolves into Water arises.

Further, the Monkey 申 (Shen) combines with the Snake 巳 (Si). As the season of birth is conducive to the Combination, the situation of "見財化水" or Seeing Wealth Dissolves into Water arises. The Monkey-Snake Combination causes two problems: it negatively affects a very important Star in the chart, namely, the Bing Fire contained inside the Snake (Si) and it produces an Unfavourable Element, specifically, the Companion Element. The favourable Wealth Element is negatively affected and the unfavourable Companion Element is produced. The result? This person risks losing significant money if he decides to start a business during the 21-31 Luck Pillar. As the Direct Officer Star appears on the Stem in the 21-31 Luck Pillar and is in Combination with the Day Master, working for someone would make more sense.

The 31-41 Luck Pillar however is quite another story altogether. Upon entry to the 31-41 Luck Pillar, the chart's elemental chemistry alters. Firstly, the 31-41 Luck Pillar is one where the Fire Element is strong – note how Ding Fire in the Stem is also rooted in the Sub-Qi of the Goat 未 (Wei). Ding 丁 Fire, as you will recall, is the Indirect Wealth Star of Gui Water. Indirect Wealth is the Star most closely associated with entrepreneurship. Further, the Goat (Wei) forms a Three Harmony Wood Frame Combination with the Rabbit 卯 (Mao) and Pig 亥 (Hai) that are

already present in the chart. The strong Wood further gives strength to the Ding Fire in the chart, which is the Indirect Wealth Star.

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This Ren 壬 Water Day Master is born in month of Rat 子 (Zi), which is part of the season of Winter, where Water is the strongest. The season of birth renders the Day Master a strong Day Master. As the Day Master is strong, the Wealth, Output and Influence Elements,

represented by Fire, Wood and Earth respectively are Favourable Elements. Meanwhile, the Companion and Resource Elements, represented by Water and Metal respectively, are Unfavourable Elements.

This Ren 壬 Water Day Master is looking to make a change in the area of his career and has a choice of either making the change in 2009 or 2010.

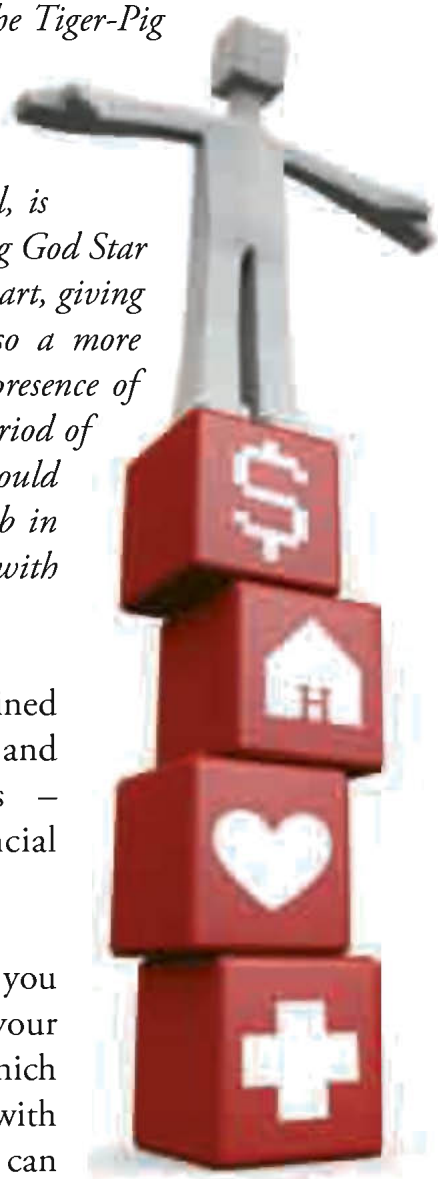
This Ren Water Day Master is currently in the 49-59 Luck Pillar of Ji Si 己巳 or Earth Snake. Ji 己 Earth is the Direct Officer Star of Ren Water. This Ji Earth is rooted in the Wu 戊 Earth that is the Sub-Qi of the Snake 巳 (Si) Earthly Branch. As such, the 49-50 Luck Pillar is one where the Direct Officer Star is strong, denoting good prospects for job promotion but also opportunities to switch to a job that affords the person more responsibilities and greater authority.

2009 is the year of Ji Chou 己丑 or Earth Ox – this would appear to be a good year in which to change jobs as the Direct Officer Star, which is Ji Earth, appears prominently and is rooted in the Ox 丑 (Chou). However, the two Ji Earths (one in the Annual Pillar and one in the 10-year Luck Pillar) will fight to combine with the Jia Wood in the Month Pillar – this denotes that the person's creativity, innovativeness and ideas are torn in two different directions, possibly due to the fact that he is receiving conflicting instructions from his superior. Further, the presence of the two Ji Earth Stars in tandem with the Wu Earth in the chart creates a Formation known as 官殺混雜 or Officer-Killings Confusion Formation. This Ren Water Day Master will find it very hard to decide on a clear course of action at work and may find it difficult to know what direction to pursue with regards his career.

2010 however presents a different situation altogether. True, the Officer-Killings Confusion Formation does not disappear entirely as the person is still in the Ji Si 10-year Luck Pillar. However, 2010 is the year of the Metal Tiger or Geng Yin 庚寅. Jia 甲 Wood, which is the Eating God Star of Ren 壬 Water, becomes strengthened by the presence of the Tiger 寅 (Yin) and the Tiger-Pig Combination. Further, the Tiger (Yin) also combines with the Dog 戌 (Xu) in the BaZi, resulting in a Three Harmony Fire Frame Combination. Fire, as you will recall, is the Wealth Element of Ren Water. The Eating God Star is able to control the 7 Killings Star in the chart, giving rise to greater clarity and purpose and also a more focused strategic outlook to his career. The presence of the Eating God Star also denotes a strong period of creativity, ideas and innovation – thus, should this Ren Water Day Master begin a new job in 2010, he will commence work bursting with ideas and productive strategies.

Sometimes, the right time isn't just defined by your Luck Pillars. It is also shaped and influenced by external circumstances – your economic circumstances, financial circumstances, social circumstances.

Thus, it is important to recognise that you can't fix everything that is wrong in your life. Indeed, there may be some things which simply are not fixeable. If you are born with poor health, you can improve it, but you can never fix it. If you are born without good quality Wealth Stars, you can improve your financial lot in life, but you can never fix it to the degree that you may want or desire.



External circumstances – your economic circumstances, financial circumstances, social circumstances.

You can't fix *everything*… But you always be fixing something.

Doing nothing or in 10 Gods-speak, too much Direct or Indirect Resource, is as bad as trying to do too much – that's excessive 7 Killings or Hurting Officer (or both) in the world of the 10 Gods. Moderation and pragmatism (read: Direct Wealth and Direct Officer) should be the aim. View yourself as a work in progress, a masterpiece of your own design that is constantly being improved, little by little.

Constantly re-evaluate your goals.

Constantly re-evaluate yourself.

Constantly ask yourself the question of whether or not you are doing something – it can be change or it can just be any form of action – to achieve your goals, improve on your shortcomings or simply to just be a better person and human being.

Chapter 7
Using the 10 Gods & Favourable and Unfavourable Elements Principle for Relationship, Wealth and Career Matters

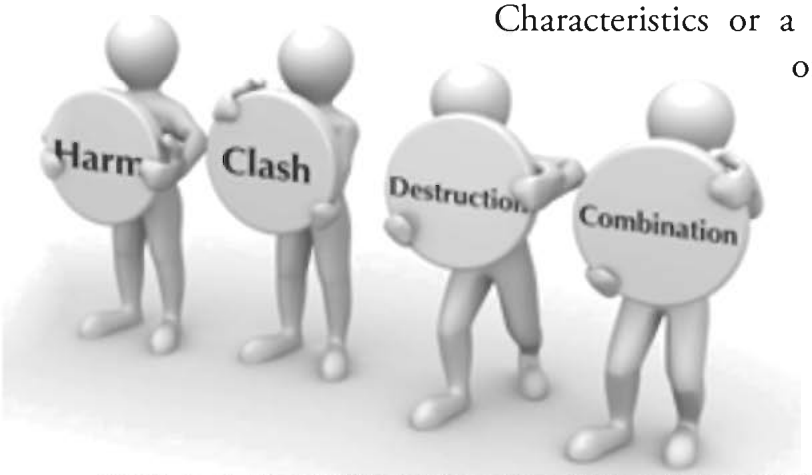
From Chapter 7 of *Enter the 10 Gods*, you would have already learned a few simple techniques and analysis methods to evaluate a chart with regards to Wealth, Career and Relationship issues. In this chapter, the goal is to expand your BaZi analysis skills with a view to enabling you to gain a more expansive perspective of a person's Wealth, Career and Relationships prospects, issues and challenges and to start you towards the mindset of analysing a BaZi chart from the macro and micro perspectives.

Analysing a BaZi chart is very much like putting together a jigsaw puzzle and most of the time, you are trying to piece together a picture from seemingly discrete pieces of information. That is why a graduated approach is required, wherein you are exposed to different analysis techniques and methods and then shown how to layer that over a BaZi chart to develop not just a big picture outlook on the main issues of Wealth, Career and Relationship, but to also be able to drill down with exact precision into the specifics of each of these matters.

You will notice that the issue of Health is not covered here once again, as in the previous book. This is because even a simple form of Health analysis requires the interactions in the chart (Clash, Combination, Destruction, Harm) to be part of the equation and the assessment of the quality of the Five Elements in the chart is quite an important component of any Health analysis. Thus, the issue of Health will not be discussed in this chapter. However, rest assured, it will be making its inaugural appearance in the next *Destiny Code* series.

What is the difference in the analysis approach here and that contained in Chapter 7 of *Enter the 10 Gods*? First, I will be looking to show you how to make use of all the information you have about the 10 Gods to-date, which now spans character traits, matters and people. Secondly, I will also show you how to make use of all the analysis techniques you have learned to date such Dominant Characteristics and Favourable and Unfavourable Elements.

The marked difference between the approach in this chapter and that of Chapter 7 of *Enter the 10 Gods* is that I will emphasising a multi-Star approach. Previously, the analysis focused on using one given Star or one given feature in the chart (such as Dominant Characteristics or a palace) to analyse issues of career, relationship and wealth. You will learn how to use a multi-Star approach to analyse



issues relating to career, relationship and wealth. I will also show you how to apply the different analysis methods that we have explored to date, such as the Favourable and Unfavourable Element principle and analysing a person's Character, in tandem, to develop a more rounded picture as well as more penetrating insight into a person's Career, Relationship and Wealth matters.

The multi-Star approach is the method that is used in order to develop a more holistic picture of a person's concerns, issues and challenges vis-à-vis Relationship, Wealth and Career matters. Although there will be instances when the analysis will zero in on a singular star, it is necessary to be able to undertake both forms of analysis. This way, you are able to have a macro perspective of the person's Wealth, Career and Relationship potential or challenges, and also a micro perspective on the above matters.

The macro perspective exists to give us a sense of the ballpark and for us to understand the overall considerations relating to the matter at hand, be it Wealth, Career or Relationships. The micro perspective deals with the specifics of a sub-area within the main topic of Wealth, Career and Relationships. For example, a macro perspective on a person's Career would involve looking at what kinds of jobs they might be suitable to do, what industry they should strive to work within, and what are the strengths and weaknesses of the individual by way of career-related matters. A micro perspective for example would focus on specific challenges within the workplace in a given year or relationships with specific individuals such as a superior or a staff.

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WEALTH ANALYSIS USING THE 10 GODS & THE PRINCIPLE OF FAVOURABLE AND UNFAVOURABLE ELEMENTS

Before we can begin any analysis related to matters of Wealth, we must first identify the 10 Gods that relate to the subject matter of Wealth. Obviously, the Wealth Stars (Direct Wealth and Indirect Wealth) relate to the subject matter of Wealth but the Wealth Stars are not the only consideration in the equation. Whenever we consider the subject matter of Wealth, it is not just a question of whether or not you HAVE wealth. What matters more than the money itself is whether or not one has the means to continuously create and generate wealth (thereby adding to the existing) and the capacity to retain wealth.

A beggar also has wealth, although begging does not give him the capacity to retain wealth for the long-term.

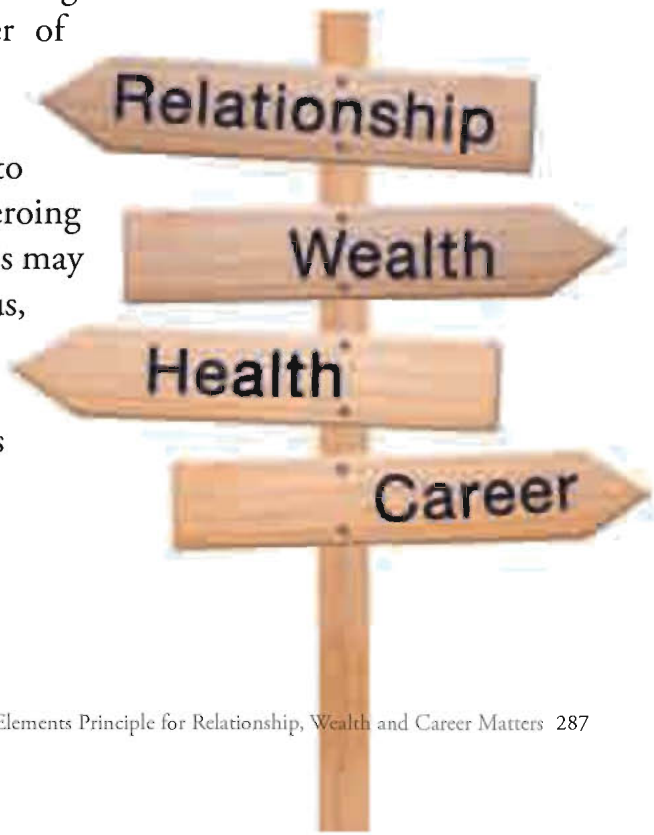
The beggar on the street has wealth. By begging, they get a few dollars, maybe more, from the kind-hearted charitable souls out there (usually by the way, all the Direct Resource types). But begging is not really a form of continuously creating and generating wealth, begging syndicates notwithstanding. Finally, the beggar does not have the capacity to retain wealth simply because they probably don't make enough to cover what they need to spend on to survive.

The point here is that the Wealth Star alone is not enough to truly make someone wealthy, and it is not the only Star that matters when it comes to determining

someone's wealth capacity. The ability and means in which to continuously create and generate wealth comes from the Output Stars (Eating God and Hurting Officer Stars) whilst the means in which to retain wealth is determined by a combination of the Direct Wealth Star and the Rob Wealth Star.

In Chapter 7 of *Enter the 10 Gods*, you learned how the position of the Wealth Star and the type of Wealth Star found in a given BaZi chart provides insight into the potential extent of a person's wealth as well as their suitability for an entrepreneurial career. This approach is a restricted approach and was adopted to take into account the need to provide a graduated exposure to the 10 Gods and understanding the 10 Gods. The analysis techniques you learned in *Enter the 10 Gods* still are applicable of course, and should be used in tandem with the analysis methods discussed here.

When we engage in the big picture analysis of any of the four aspects – Relationship, Wealth, Health, Career – this is typically done using a multi-Star approach. We look at a number of different 10 Gods, all which have an impact on the particular aspect in question or which co-relate to each other. It is only when we are zeroing in on a micro-issue that the analysis may focus on one particular star. Thus, just looking at the Wealth Stars in isolation will only tell us one side of the story as far as a person's Wealth is concerned.



When it comes to Wealth matters, we are looking at a constellation of Stars together. Specifically, we are looking at the Direct Wealth, Indirect Wealth, Eating God, Hurting Officer and Rob Wealth Stars and how they co-relate or interact with each other, in order to develop a more detailed picture of a person's Wealth capacity and prospects. We can further look at the constellation of Stars that connect with a person's Wealth capacity with the added filter of the principle of Favourable and Unfavourable Elements, we gain a richer more detailed picture of a person's wealth prospects.

To analyse Wealth matters via the different 10 Gods that connect to the issue of Wealth, there are certain broad guidelines which come into play.

I use the term 'guidelines' because BaZi is not a formulaic science. It is not a case of A+B=C. Each Day Master interacts and connects in a unique manner with its Wealth Element, its Output Element and its Rob Wealth Star, and each of those Stars may be positioned in different parts of the chart, resulting in different outcomes. The dynamic component of BaZi, namely the Luck Pillars, must also always be taken into consideration at all times. It is important to keep these considerations in mind at all times, even as you are analysing a chart using the guidelines below.

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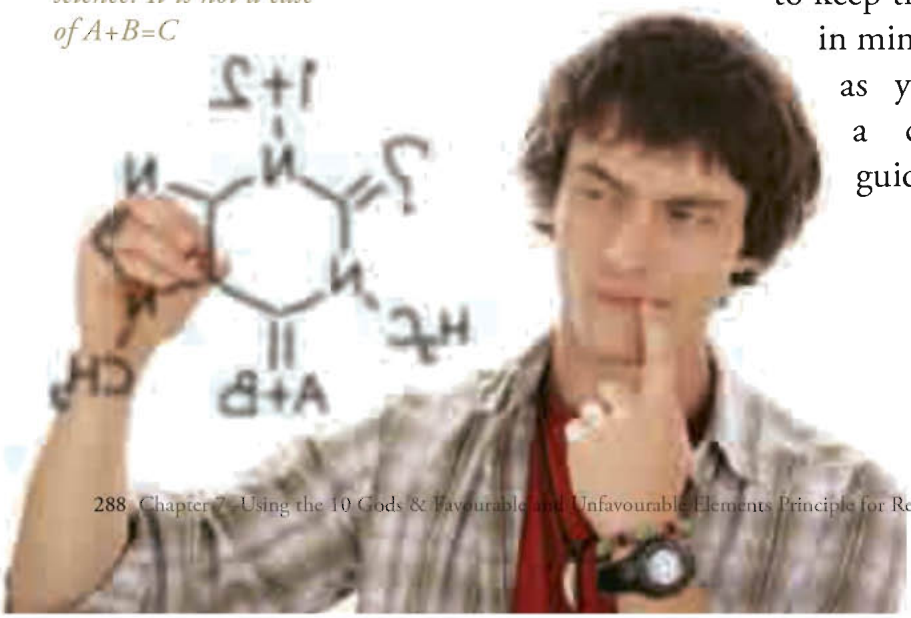

A word on these guidelines - this is a modern outlook on evaluating Wealth and also represents a slightly simplified approach. Why have I decided not to give you the traditional approach? Two reasons – firstly, the traditional BaZi perspective leans more towards the concept of 'Prosperity' rather than the modern concept of 'Wealth' as it is understood within the context of being financially independent or financially secure. The traditional BaZi perspective encapsulates the Influence Elements (Direct Officer, 7 Killings) and Resource Elements (Direct Resource, Indirect Resource) and operates under very strict assumptions of what qualifies as 'Wealthy'. For example, the traditional perspective of Wealth requires reputation, influence and fame to be part of the equation but the modern perspective of Wealth does not follow this necessarily.

Secondly, a more simplified approach is required because this places the understanding and evaluation of Wealth squarely within the context of the principles that you have been exposed to from the first two *Power of X* books. Once you have developed a more complete picture of the 10 Gods and the Wealth Elements (after the third *Power of X* book), we will return to explore further the traditional perspective of the concept of Wealth.

Here are the broad guidelines for evaluating Wealth through a multiple Stars approach.

a) Wealth Stars alone indicate the possible sources of income and provide insight into investment strategies. As you learned in *Enter the 10 Gods*, the position of the Wealth Stars can also give you insight into a person's financial profile, chiefly, whether they really have wealth or are just pretending to be wealthy.

b) The Output Stars (Eating God and/or Hurting Officer) determine the ability to continuously generate wealth. Thus, between having no Wealth Stars and no Output Stars, it is considered marginally less disadvantageous to have no Wealth Stars. If Output Stars are present but there is no Wealth Star, the person still has the capacity to generate/create wealth as the Output Star represents the ability to create, innovate, generate ideas and produce, and these activities lead to wealth creation.

c) The Rob Wealth Star significantly influences a person's capacity to retain wealth. The Rob Wealth Clashes with the Direct Wealth Star, and in some instances, Combines with the Wealth Star. The ability to retain wealth is the ambit of the Direct Wealth Star as this Star's traits most closely associate with the task of accumulating Wealth. The Indirect Wealth Star denotes an opportunistic character with an eye for wealth opportunities but usually also denotes a penny-wise pound-foolish mentality, which is why the Indirect Wealth Star is less associated with wealth retention and more associated with wealth opportunities.

   Thus, the presence of the Rob Wealth Star can potentially have an impact on the person's Wealth retention capacity by virtue of its effect on the Direct Wealth Star. However, this is **only** the case if the Rob Wealth as a Dominant Characteristic in the chart and is also an Unfavourable Element. This is because the Rob Wealth Star, when it is a Dominant Characteristic and Unfavourable, becomes chiefly associated with loss of wealth or the inability to manage money in a prudent manner. Where the Rob Wealth Star is Favourable and not Dominant, it can actually be advantageous towards financial objectives, denoting the ability to make good use of partnerships or joint-ventures or the capacity to effectively utilise the talents of others.

d) Having the Wealth Element as your Favourable Element is definitely a good way in which to get a headstart when it comes to acquiring and accumulating wealth. However, this does not mean that if the Wealth Element is NOT your Favourable Element, that you cannot acquire and accumulate wealth either. It may simply mean that acquiring wealth does not come so easily to you or it may mean that you have to think laterally about how you approach wealth related matters.

Now let's look at some examples and see how the above guidelines, as well as where appropriate, what you have learned in *Enter the 10 Gods* can be put into play. Bear in mind that the analysis that is undertaken in the various examples below will not by any means be totally exhaustive, nor will the analysis follow a specific formula and highlight the same issues repeatedly. In each example, my goal is to highlight different ways to approach the issue of wealth analysis and to show you how to think laterally by way of applying different analysis techniques at the same time. The objective of this chapter is also to show you how to look at BaZi analysis from a macro and micro perspective, and to get you to think and examine charts using a multi-Star and multi-technique approach.

Throughout the examples in this chapter, you should also bear in mind that with many things in life, Character, which was the focal point of the analysis methods in *Enter the 10 Gods*, always remains an extremely relevant factor. So you will find in some instances, I will also dip into this issue and include in the analysis elements of the techniques from *Enter the 10 Gods*, like Dominant Characteristics.

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This is a Ji 己 Earth Day Master. Ji Earth's Wealth Element is represented by Water – the Direct Wealth Star is represented by Ren Water whilst the Indirect Wealth Star is represented by Gui Water. The Heavenly Stem of the Year Pillar is Gui Water. The Month Branch, which is Monkey 申 (Shen) has Ren 壬 Water as one of its Hidden Stems. This chart has both Direct and Indirect Wealth Stars.

Now let's take a macro and micro look at the Wealth Stars.

The Wealth Star in this chart appears in both the Stem and Branch so we know that this person is not superficially wealthy but has assets and wealth. As the Indirect Wealth Star appears in the Stem, this person appears to be a high-risk type when it comes to wealth-matters and investments – recall the Indirect Wealth Star denotes wheeler-dealer types. But as we learned in *Enter the 10 Gods*, Stems represent superficial or surface Qi only and thus may not represent a person's

true character. In this case, the Indirect Wealth Star appears on the Stem but in the Branches, we have the Direct Wealth Star. So we know that at heart, this person is conservative and cautious when it comes to money, and is a very prudent character.

We also know this person is likely to be someone who will slowly but surely acquire assets and wealth in life, as the Direct Wealth Star, Ren Water, is located within the Monkey (Shen) Branch. Monkey (Shen) as you will recall is the Growth Branch for Water, which is the Wealth Element of this Ji Earth Day Master. So this person's skills and abilities when it comes to managing their money will eventually get better and better as they go through life, and their assets will slowly but surely multiple over the years. The presence of both the Wealth Stars denotes this person can be an entrepreneur or work for someone – both options are available on the person's plate. However, as the Indirect Wealth Star only appears on Stem, this indicates a possible lack of compelling interest on the person's part in an entrepreneurial career.

Now let's see what else we can learn about this person's Wealth profile by adding on the additional insight we've gained about the Wealth Stars by way of the Matters the Wealth Stars govern. Conservative investments are defined as investments that have a long maturity period or are extremely stable and low risk and are represented by the Direct Wealth Star. Speculative investments are investments with a short investment lifespan and quick turnaround and usually are very high-risk or do not have a guaranteed outcome – these are represented by the Indirect Wealth Star. As the chart contains both the Direct

Will this person lean towards conservative investments like buying a house or earn an income from speculative investments like stocks?

Wealth Star and Indirect Wealth Star, we can therefore conclude that this person can make both conservative investments and speculative investment. As the Direct Wealth Star is in the Branches, the likelihood is that this person will lean towards conservative investments but the presence of the Indirect Wealth Star indicates this person can also earn income from speculative investments.

Now let us take a multi-Star approach to the analysis of this chart.

In this chart, both the Output Stars, namely the Hurting Officer Star and Eating God Star, represented by Geng and Xin Metal respectively, are present in the chart. The Hurting Officer Star in particular is a Dominant Characteristic in this chart – notice how the Geng Metal is rooted in both the Monkey (Shen) and the Snake (Si). As such, not only is this someone who has opportunities in life to attain income through a variety of investment vehicles, this is a person who

can continuously generate wealth for themselves, through either their innovation skills, their creative abilities, their artistic skills or their ideas.

The Hurting Officer Star in particular represents big ambitions and dreams – it denotes a person who can think big. Attaining significant financial success in life requires ambition and a strong push to achieve in life. When combined with the fact that the Direct Wealth Star is in a Growth Branch, this denotes a person who has no shortage of financial goals in life and is prepared to work hard and manage their investments carefully in order to achieve their financial objectives in life.

As stated earlier, as important as the ability to generate and acquire wealth is the capacity to retain it. To gain insight into a person's capacity to retain wealth, we need to look for the presence of the Direct Wealth Star and ensure the Rob Wealth Star is not a Dominant Characteristic.

In this chart, the Rob Wealth Star is present in the chart, located in the Sub-Qi of the Monkey (Shen), Snake (Si) and Tiger (Yin). It does not manifest in this chart as a Dominant Characteristic and as the Rob Wealth Star is located in the Sub-Qi, the Rob Wealth Star and the traits associated with it are not considered prominent. As such, the Rob Wealth Star would be considered under control in this chart. Thus, this person does not have a problem retaining wealth.

Now, let's add on the filter of the Favourable and Unfavourable Elements to our analysis of the chart. This Ji Earth Day Master would be considered a weak Day Master, as it is not supported by the season of birth. A weak Day Master favours the Resource and Companion Elements, and does not favour the Wealth, Output or Influence Elements. Although this means the Wealth Element is not favourable to the Day Master, this does not, in the bigger picture, mean this person can never acquire significant wealth. Bear in mind that the Favourable and Unfavourable Elements is only one part of the analysis and one part of the equation.

As the rest of the analysis above demonstrates, this person has a character that denotes they will be inclined to generate and create their wealth and will have high ambitions when it comes to their financial goals and they have the temperament of a person who retains rather than spends their wealth. The fact that the Wealth Element is Unfavourable simply means that this person will do well not to be overly materialistic, that they should recognise that it is important to have rest and relaxation and pause more a little more often to smell the roses!

Does this person frequently take time to smell the roses? It could be that her Wealth Element is unfavourable.

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This is a Geng 庚 Metal Day Master. Geng Metal's Wealth Element is represented by Wood – the Direct Wealth Star is represented by Yi Wood whilst the Indirect Wealth Star is represented by Jia Wood. No Wealth Star appears in the Stems of this chart but in the Branches, we have the Direct Wealth Star in the Rabbit (Mao) Year Branch and as part of the Sub-Qi of the Dragon (Chen) Day Branch. There is also a Indirect Wealth Star contained in the Tiger (Yin). In this chart, both the Direct Wealth and Indirect Wealth Stars are present.

There are a number of interesting differences between this Geng Metal Day Master and the Ji Earth Day Master discussed above. Specifically, let us focus in on the differences relating to the Rob Wealth Star. You will recall that Geng Metal's Companion Stars are represented by the element of Metal, which is the same element as the Day Master. The Friend Star is represented by Geng Metal (Yang Metal) and the Rob Wealth Star is represented by Xin Metal (Yin Metal).

In this chart, only Xin Metal is present in the chart. So this chart has no Friend Star and contains only the Rob Wealth Star. The Rob Wealth Star is also a Dominant Characteristic in this chart, as Xin Metal is rooted in the Rooster (You) Earthly Branch in this chart. By contrast, in the Ji Earth example above, the Rob Wealth Star, represented by Wu Earth, is not a Dominant Characteristic.

In this example, the Rob Wealth Star is an Unfavourable Element. This Geng Metal Day Master, being born in the month of Rooster, which is part of the season of Autumn, where Metal is the strongest. Thus this Geng Metal Day Master is a Strong Day Master and thus does not favour the Companion or Resource Elements. By contrast, in the earlier Ji Earth example, the Day Master is weak and accordingly, favours the Companion and Resource Stars.

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The Rob Wealth Star denotes spendthrift tendencies, poor financial management skills, and also represents a loss of wealth or a tendency to be cheated easily. When the Star is also an Unfavourable Element, these negative features become exacerbated in the chart and more prominent. This tells us that this Geng Metal Day Master's main challenge when it comes to wealth is a difficulty with retaining wealth. Remember that achieving financial success requires not just the ability to make money, but the ability to retain it as well.

The Rob Wealth Star also represents competition and business partners amongst other things. The presence of the Rob Wealth Star as a Dominant Characteristic also denotes a person whose life is often one big competition – this person has to fight for everything in life that they want, from money to a spouse. This Geng Metal person also likes to collaborate or work together with other people when it comes to all endeavours, including wealth endeavours. But as the Rob Wealth Star is an Unfavourable Element, this indicates that the collaboration efforts usually do not pay off or end up leaving the Day Master financially worse off than if he or she had undertaken the endeavour on their own as a solo effort.

This doesn't mean of course that the collaboration or joint venture is completely off the cards for this Geng Metal person or that the Rob Wealth Star cannot be used by the Day Master. Rather, timing, in the form of the right Luck Pillar becomes important in order to utilise the Rob Wealth Star. The method of utilising the Rob Wealth Star (remember, the Rob Wealth Star can represent many things besides partnership/joint-venture) will also be key.

The presence of both Direct and Indirect Wealth Stars in the Earthly Branches denotes real wealth.

This example illustrates why merely looking at the Wealth Stars in this chart provides only part of the equation when it comes to wealth matters and in some instances, can provide a false positive as it were. If we were to just look at the Wealth Stars, the picture looks quite good. Both the Direct and Indirect Wealth Stars are present and are present in the Earthly Branches, denoting real wealth as opposed to superficial wealth. The presence of both the Wealth Stars also indicates this person has the option of deploying both short-term and long-term investment strategies and can earn income from both conservative sources such as rent or mutual funds as well as speculative sources such as stocks or flipping property. The presence of both Wealth Stars would also indicate this person is suited to work for himself as an entrepreneur or to work for someone else earning a salary or do both!

However, the reality is that this person will not be financially well off or will even be in debt. There is clearly an inability to control spending or loss of wealth or retain wealth due to the presence of the Rob Wealth Star as a Dominant Characteristic and also because it is an Unfavourable Element. This is conclusion that can only be derived by looking at the Rob Wealth Star and determining if it affects the Wealth Star, which can only be done if one uses a multi-Star and multi-technique analysis approach.

If we were to further take into account the interactions in the chart, the Clash between the Rob Wealth Star and Direct Wealth Star, in the form of the Rabbit-Rooster Clash present in the Year and Month Branches, is also very telling of difficulties holding onto wealth or loss of wealth problems, which may be associated with being cheated by business partners or business associates or simply due to a habit of being careless with money.

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卯 Mao **Rabbit** Yin Wood	未 Wei **Goat** Yin Earth	午 Wu **Horse** Yang Fire	戌 Xu **Dog** Yang Earth	地支 Earthly Branches
乙 Yi - Wood 才 IW	乙 Yi - Wood 才 IW; 己 Ji - Earth 卩 IR; 丁 Ding - Fire 殺 7K	丁 Ding - Fire 殺 7K; 己 Ji - Earth 卩 IR	丁 Ding - Fire 殺 7K; 戊 Wu + Earth 印 DR; 辛 Xin - Metal 比 F	藏干 Hidden Stems

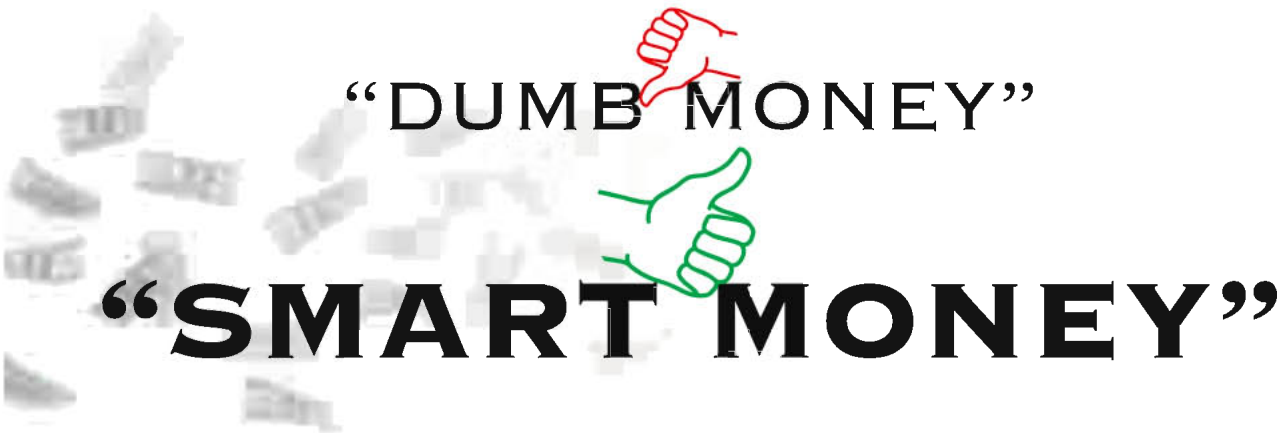
This is a Xin 辛 Metal Day Master. Water represents the Output Stars for a Xin Metal Day Master since Metal produces Water in the Five Elements production cycle. The Eating God Star is represented by Gui Water, whilst the Hurting Officer Star is represented by Ren Water. This chart does not have any Eating God Star or a Hurting Officer Star – it is entirely devoid of the Output Element.

The absence of the Output Element broadly speaking denotes a person who has difficulties with continuously generating wealth or generating wealth that is capable of continuously self-perpetuating. Such individuals usually lack the ability to value-add or innovate and they are usually people who lack ideas. As such, when it comes to Wealth matters, they find it difficult to know 'what to do' when it comes to managing their money beyond the normal standard methods of saving and modest investing.

As the Output Element also tends to influence a person's level of ambition and also dictates their opportunistic streak, the absence of this Element usually means that the person takes a complacent approach to managing their wealth or growing their wealth and needs to have opportunities presented to them on a silver platter. The difference between the presence and absence of an Output Star is fundamentally the difference between a person who EARNS their money and a person who MAKES money. Typically, the absence of the Output Element serves as a fundamental limiting factor on a person's capacity to be wealthy as there is no continuous source of wealth creation.

In this Xin Metal chart however, the Indirect Wealth Star is present and is supported by a partial Three Harmony Wood Frame Combination involving the Rabbit and Goat Earthly Branches. As such, this Xin Metal person is unlikely to be impoverished in the least – in fact, this Xin Metal person is likely to be quite financially well-off.

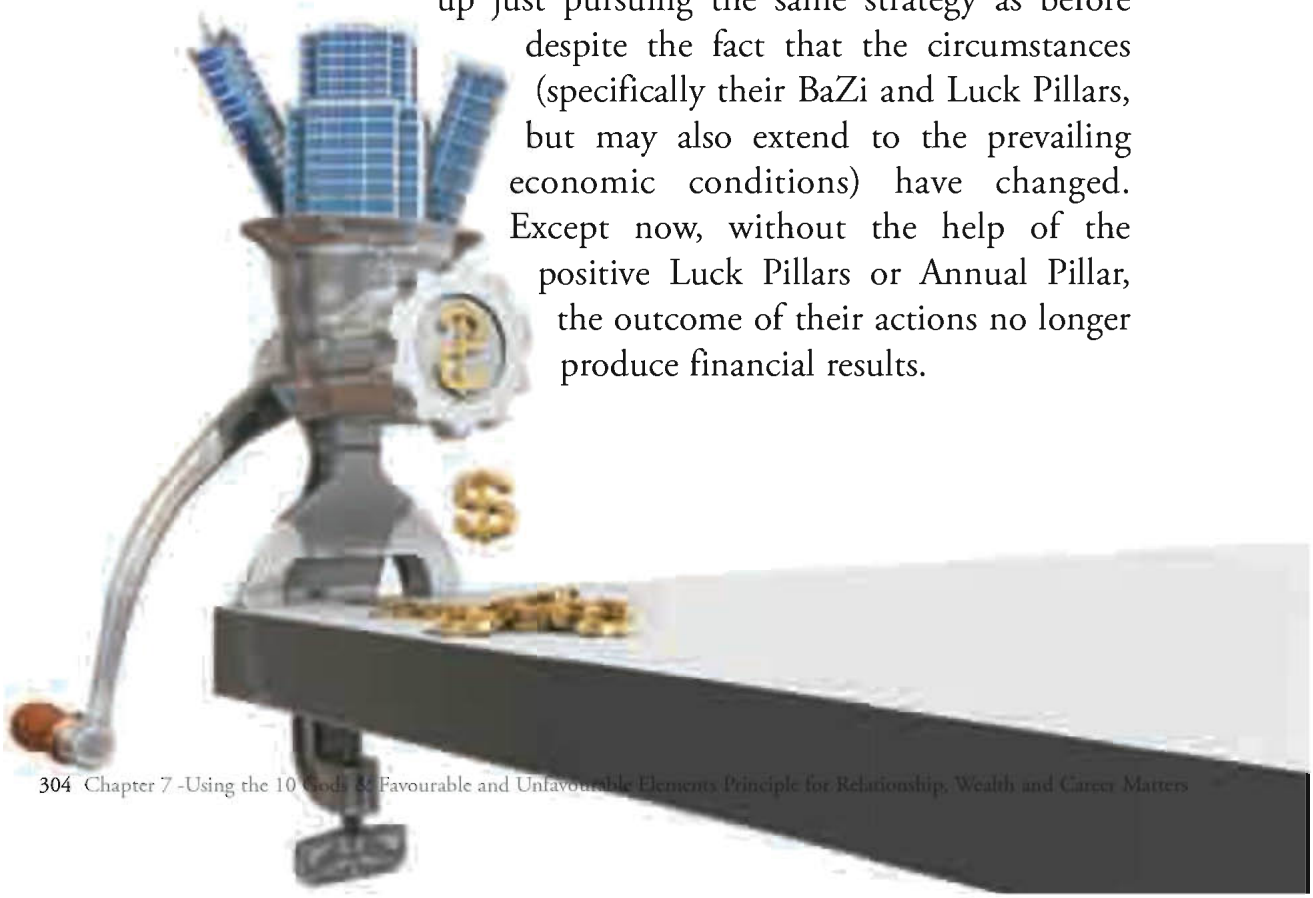
However, this type of wealth is what is sometimes called "dumb money" – it is wealth that is attained either through perhaps selling of assets or inheritance (Indirect Wealth amongst other things relates to windfall wealth) or it is wealth that is attained through very means that involve no value creation per se. A person with a 'dumb money' chart knows how to make money but they do so in a manner that is usually not sustainable. People who make money by speculating on a company's stocks for example, are a classic case of 'dumb money' since it involves no particular talent or skill, just a lot of guts, capital and a herd mentality. Dumb money accordingly is essentially purely opportunistic in nature, unsupported by talent or a specific unique innovation or value add. Most of the time, dumb money is also the outcome of sheer dumb luck in the form of favourable Luck Pillars.



Charts with dumb money usually indicate people who rely on other people's ideas or research or analysis in which to make their decisions on what investments to make or where to park their cash. On their own, they maybe less capable or successful with identifying good investments beyond a basic buy low, sell high scenario or through a bargain hunt. Invariably, 'dumb money' charts run into trouble when they effectively run out of luck by way of either a move into an unfavourable 10-year Luck Pillar or when they encounter a string of Annual Pillars that are unfavourable. This is because since they don't really know why or how they are making money as the Output Stars notably also govern a person's ability to analyse and discern information. Thus, they don't know what to do when the conditions change or alter. They are like the mice who don't realise the cheese has moved, described in Spencer Johnson's '*Who Moved My Cheese*?'.

Individual with 'dumb money' charts will end up pursuing the same investment strategy even when circumstances have changed such as continuing their property investment when the property market is unstable.

Thus, individuals with 'dumb money' charts end up just pursuing the same strategy as before despite the fact that the circumstances (specifically their BaZi and Luck Pillars, but may also extend to the prevailing economic conditions) have changed. Except now, without the help of the positive Luck Pillars or Annual Pillar, the outcome of their actions no longer produce financial results.



The opposite of dumb money is smart money. Smart money is typically present in a chart with Wealth Stars that are supported by favourable Output Stars and Resource Stars. Individuals with smart money features in their chart make their wealth through innovation or through creating intellectual property or art, thus giving their wealth a lasting and self-perpetuating quality. These are people who make money from their skills or talents and not just pure opportunism.

Perhaps the key fundamental difference between dumb money and smart money is that people who deploy smart money do not wait for opportunities to generate wealth – they make their own opportunities, either through their ideas or through their unique viewpoints or creativity in coming up with solutions or solving problems of the world. By contrast, dumb money simply waits for opportunities to arrive, and often only knows the opportunity exists when it is right in front of their eyes.

Now, let's expand our analysis of this chart through the multi-Star approach. The 'dumb money' nature of this Xin Metal person's wealth must also be viewed in the context of the fact that this chart only contains the Indirect Wealth Star. This denotes a tendency towards an easy-come, easy-go mindset. This person makes money fast, but spends it just as fast and their income can fluctuate hugely in a manner of a few days or hours. The presence of the Indirect Wealth Star alone **without** the Direct Wealth Star, coupled with the absence of the Output Star denotes a person who is not so adept at saving and whose approach to wealth is not to conserve or to invest and grow their wealth or to find different sources of income but simply to just keep doing what they are doing in an attempt to make more money.

You might be thinking: dumb money isn't that bad – money after all is money right? However, when a chart only shows the presence of dumb money, it indicates a person who is reliant on other people creating the opportunities or waiting for the opportunities to arrive within sight. As such, the chart requires other Stars in order to compensate for this. For example, the chart will need to have usable Resource Star, which yields mentors but also people who point you in the right direction. Alternatively, the presence of the 7 Killings Star can also help, since this Star has a number of qualities that mimic that of the Hurting Officer Star, which is one of the two Stars associated with the Output Element. Fortunately for the Xin Metal chart above, it just so happens to have the Resource and 7 Killings Stars, which helps to some degree offset the 'dumb money' factor in the chart caused by the absence of the Output Star.

Dumb money is also only financially beneficial if the Wealth Element is of good quality in the chart and not merely present in the chart. If the Wealth Element is just present in the chart but it is not of good quality, then the person not only lacks foresight to seek out or create opportunities for themselves, but they also

won't have that many opportunities delivered on a silver platter to begin with, as the Wealth Element is not of quality. There also cannot be a Rob Wealth Star problem in the chart, such as the Rob Wealth Star being a Dominant Characteristic. This would create a situation where the person only knows how to earn money, but does not know how to preserve or retain it (due to the Rob Wealth Star) and has limited ability to continuously generate it (due to the absence of the Output Element).

A Rob Wealth Star problem in a chart could mean the person only knows how to earn money but does not know how to preserve or retain it.

This Jia Wood chart is an example of a true 'dumb money' chart.

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This is a Jia 甲 Wood Day Master – in this chart, the Wealth Stars, represented by Earth, are present, as are the Output Stars, represented by Fire. But there is no Resource Element at all as this chart does not contain a single drop of Water.

In this chart, the Wealth Element can be considered Strong because it is supported by a two Fire combinations in the chart – the Horse-Goat Combination and a partial Three Harmony Fire Frame Combination involving the Tiger and the Horse Earthly Branches. Both Direct and Indirect Wealth are present in this chart, denoting the possibility of generating income from both speculative and more conservative sources. The Output Star is also very strong in this chart, as Spring is the secondary support season for Fire. Wealth is strong and output is strong, denoting both the ability to earn and generate wealth. So this chart

looks like a 'good' dumb money chart. In reality, the absence of the Resource Star denotes this person is driven by irrational behaviour since Resource represents learning and information and the capacity to process knowledge. There is also an inability to make wise decisions since the element of Water represents wisdom. Further, the strong presence of the Rob Wealth Star within the two Goat Earthly Branches denotes a tendency to be driven by herd mentality and spontaneous decision-making. All in all, this is a person who makes money but does so largely on luck and audacity rather than knowledge and skill.

The quality of an element is something which we will discuss in the next book in the 10 Gods *Power of X* series. At this point, your goal should be to look to expand your approach to analysing Wealth matters to one that employs a multi-Star and multi-technique approach, as highlighted in the previous examples.

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Whether you are a strong or weak Day Master, you will deal with work challenges and obstacles differently.

CAREER ANALYSIS USING THE 10 GODS & THE PRINCIPLE OF FAVOURABLE AND UNFAVOURABLE ELEMENTS

The principle of Favourable and Unfavourable Elements can also be used to establish a baseline of the person's career-related obstacles and challenges when used in tandem with the information about what each 10 God represents by way of Matters and People. A weak Day Master and a strong Day Master will face different challenges and obstacles in the workplace, which can be derived from the elements that are Favourable and Unfavourable to the Day Master. So how do we translate and convert this technical information into the language of the workplace and a person's career? We do this by connecting the different

Five Factors to specific matters or people or character traits connected to those Stars which are relevant to the workplace or a person's career. These questions provide a good kick-off point for the discussion.

- What are the activities or tasks that a weak/strong Day Master will enjoy performing as part of their job or will like to have as part of their job?
- What are the activities or tasks that a weak/strong Day Master will not enjoy performing or will dislike as part of their job or will like to have as part of their job?
- What kind of work environment does a weak/strong Day Master need to be effective?
- What kind of work environment does not suit a weak/strong Day Master?
- What kind of organisational culture benefits a weak/strong Day Master?
- What kind of organisational culture does not suit a weak/strong Day Master?

Weak Day Masters & Career Matters

We know that generally, a weak Day Master favours the Resource and Companion Elements and does not favour the Wealth, Output and Influence Elements.

So let's start out with the two Stars that the weak Day Master favours, and try to derive some conclusions using the questions indicated in the section before as guidance. We know that the Resource Star represents formal qualifications, learning and knowledge with regards to Matters. With regards to People, it represents Mentors and support staff. The Companion Star represents joint-ventures, team-work related or cooperation-related endeavours and camaraderie. With regards people, the Companion Star represents co-workers, colleagues, team members, collaborators and competitors.

Using the two Favourable Elements and combining it with the relevant information about the 10 Gods, we then extrapolate the answers to these three questions:

- What are the activities or tasks that a weak/strong Day Master will enjoy performing as part of their job or will like to have as part of their job?
- What kind of work environment does a weak/strong Day Master need to be effective?
- What kind of organisational culture benefits a weak/strong Day Master?

A weak Day Master enjoys working as part of a team or in projects that have a team-work or collaborative component.

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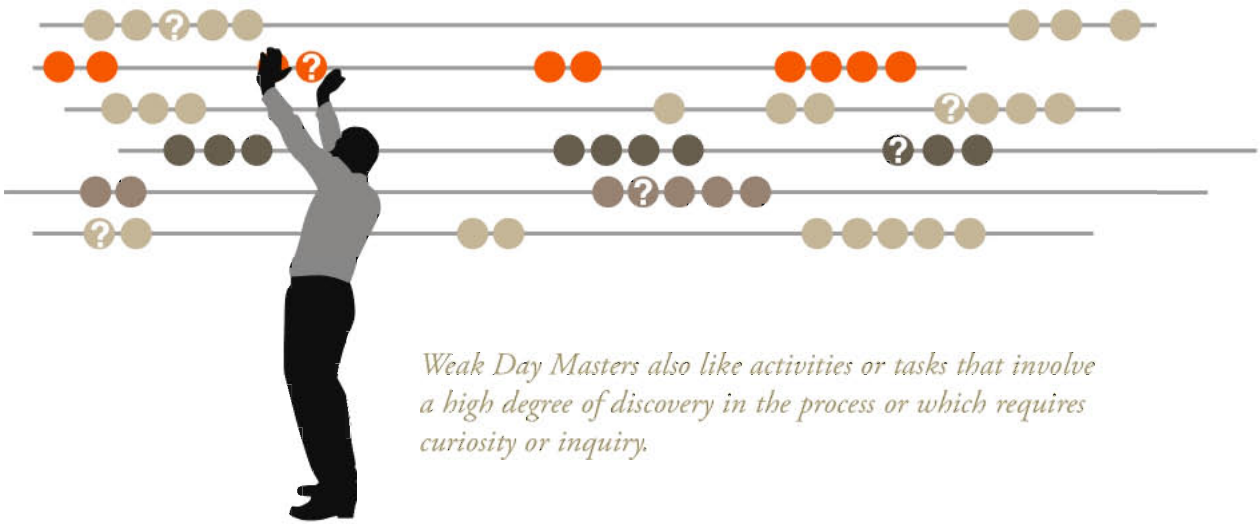
We can conclude that the weak Day Master needs to work in an organisation that places importance and value on learning opportunities, self-improvement, continuous training and mentoring. Alternatively the weak Day Master needs to work in a job that affords them opportunities to be engaged in these activities. Thus, their job scope clearly needs to encompass an educational and learning component. They will also enjoy working as part of a team or in projects that have a team-work or collaborative component to it or which require team-building or building relationships or involve collaborative experiences.

Weak Day Masters also like activities or tasks that involve a high degree of discovery in the process or which requires curiosity or inquiry.

Weak Day Masters prefer to work with people, rather than products or if they must work with products, it should be something that they can build a relationship or some kind of emotional connection, or which has an educational, self-improvement or learning component to the product. Alternatively, they should be involved in the research or developmental component of the product's lifespan, rather than the delivery and fulfilment component.

As weak Day Masters do not favour the Influence Element, they will also prefer to be involved in tasks or activities that don't involve hierarchy. They prefer exerting indirect leadership or taking a consensus-driven approach. They also do not enjoy tasks which require frequent or immediate decisions, preferring situations where they need to go to work building consensus or getting group buy-in.



What kind of work environment suits a weak Day Master?

The weak Day Master needs the Resource Star and thus will be best in a workplace where there is sufficient support staff or resources to support the Day Master in their job. They are less able to perform well when put in work environments where they have to do everything themselves or they are the sole member of the department or team.

The Resource Star represents comfort and convenience – as such, the weak Day Master cannot 'rough it' in a tacky office or a place with dirty toilets or which is not located in a place where amenities are minimal. This doesn't mean of course that they can only work in expensive office facilities but they do need to be comfortable in the place of work.

Since the Companion Element is important, the weak Day Master will be more comfortable and function better in a large organisation than a small organisation (ie: a place with one to two employees or where they are the only employee). They flourish better in environments which have ample resources but also, clear planning designed to ensure everyone has time to finish their tasks and no one is overloaded with obligations and responsibilities.

Finally, weak Day Master's don't like to work with the inept and the incompetent, thus the working environment or workplace cannot be one which allows or encourages ineptitude and incompetence. This is because the weak Day Master needs Resource and Companion Elements. As such, they want to work with people who are either on the same level as them intelligence and competency wise (the Companion Element) or people who have more experience and knowledge from whom they can learn from (the Resource Element).

A weak Day Master prefers highly collegial work environments, with a flat structure, where everyone helps out everyone.

What kind of organisational culture suits a weak Day Master?

A weak Day Master will suit an organisation which has a positive competitive environment (meaning, healthy competition as opposed to a cut-throat competition) and which has a collaborative environment. The company's culture should emphasise self-improvement and self-cultivation and afford employees the opportunity to grow as people and employees through training or mentoring. Highly collegial work environments, with a flat structure, where everyone helps out everyone and people don't go with a strict or rigid hierarchy is also the preference of a weak Day Master. This doesn't mean however that they want to be in an organisation with no rules – rather, they need to work in an environment where there is structure, but it is not a rigid one.

Now, let's look at the Unfavourable Elements of a weak Day Master, which are the Wealth, Output and Influence Elements and use these to tackle the remaining three questions.

We know that the Wealth Star represents investments, finance and budget related matters, personal responsibilities and matters requiring to prudence or conservative actions. With regards to People, it represents finance people, financiers, bankers, accounts staff, accountants and CFOs. The Output Element represents Matters related to innovation, idea generation, creativity and marketing. With regards to People, the Output Element represents employees, staff under one's supervision, innovators, idea people, marketers and the PR people. The Influence Element relates to leadership skills, taking responsibility or

stepping up, deadlines (since the Influence Element 'controls' the Day Master) but also enforcement and controls, as well as rules and regulations when it comes to Matters. By way of people, it represents superiors and clients.

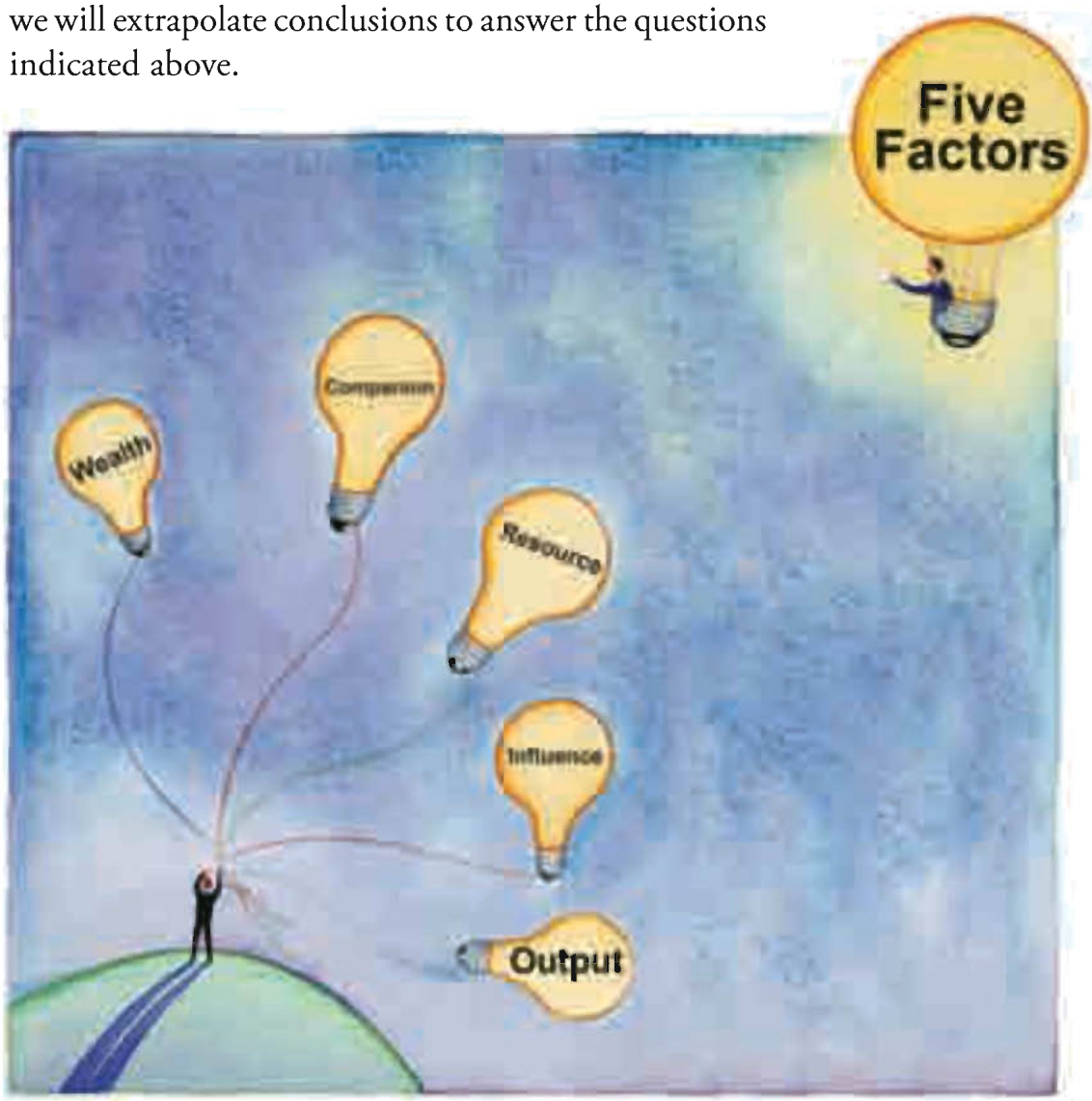
Using the three Unfavourable Elements and combining it with the relevant information about the 10 Gods, we then extrapolate the answers to these three questions:

- What are the activities or tasks that a weak/strong Day Master will not enjoy performing or will dislike as part of their job or will like to have as part of their job?
- What kind of work environment does not suit a weak/strong Day Master?
- What kind of organisational culture does not suit a weak/strong Day Master?

We need to be very careful about the conclusions we derive when it comes to the Unfavourable Elements. It is all too easy to conclude that since the Influence Element is Unfavourable, and it relates to deadlines or rules and regulations, then that means the person cannot work in any organisation or workplace or have a job which has elements of deadlines, rules or regulations. That is not the case. Remember, when an element is Unfavourable, that doesn't mean that the

Day Master rejects it entirely, but merely that the Day Master is either less receptive to that element or does not want too much of that element because the Day Master can't handle it. Every chart must have all of the Five Factors of Wealth, Output, Influence, Resource and Companion at the end of the day, regardless of whether the element is Favourable or Unfavourable.

Thus, putting together the above raw information about the Unfavourable Elements of a weak Day Master and the matters or people that connect to the 10 Gods represented by the Unfavourable Elements, we will extrapolate conclusions to answer the questions indicated above.



What are the activities or tasks that a weak Day Master will not enjoy performing or will dislike as part of their job or will like to have as part of their job?

A pure leadership role or a pure project management role or enforcement role, which is essentially emphasising the Influence Element, would not suit the weak Day Master – recall they prefer collaboration. Equally, a job which solely focuses on innovation, creative or problem solving tasks (without say a research and development or experimental component or educational component) would not be ideal for a weak Day Master, since this involves an excess of the Output Star without the Resource Star to counter-balance the Day Master's weakness.

Since the Influence Element is unfavourable, weak Day Masters dislike tasks or activities where they effectively have to be taskmasters or leaders or where they are a point-person. As the Influence Element is unfavourable, they will also find it extremely hard to carry out tasks where they have to make decisions or take a leadership role, because it is difficult for them to effectively utilise the Influence Element.

Finally, being solely responsible for financial matters or budgeting or handling the money is also not something that the weak Day Master will find enjoyable. Preferably they want to be involved in a job that involves some measure of spending or giving (the Companion Element) and not just collecting income or scrimping for the company.

What kind of work environment does not suit a weak Day Master?

The weak Day Master would not enjoy working alone without any support on a project or in a department – this is because such a circumstance would mean they are overloaded with the Wealth, Output and Influence Elements since working solo means the person has to effectively do everything on the job. The weak Day Master also does not like a work environment where they are singularly responsible for the outcome, failure or success of a given situation or project or task. This is because such a situation represents an overload of the Influence and Wealth Elements, as it denotes a high measure of responsibility and obligation. Weak Day Masters generally prefer to share the burden with other people and know that they are paddling the canoe with someone else as it were. Weak Day Masters don't like high adrenaline, fast-moving and tense environments where decisions are made at lightning speed and tasks are shuttled along on insane deadlines.

What kind of organisational culture does not suit a weak Day Master?

An overly controlling organisation or excessively hierarchical organisation would not suit a weak Day Master since this represents an overloading of the Wealth and Influence Element. An extremely top-down culture (wherein what the boss says is pretty much the law) would also not suit a weak Day Master as this would represent the Influence Element in extreme. Remember that the weak Day Master favours the Companion Star which means a more collegial/fraternal atmosphere, where superiors are not so strict about enforcing differences between the higher-ups and the minions, is something the weak Day Master prefers. It's important not to read this as meaning that the weak Day Master cannot handle authority or take instructions – rather, what this means is that a micro-managed environment does not suit the weak Day Master generally.

Weak Day Masters would also not be suited to working in an environment which expects all employees to be over-achievers or extremely ambitious as this represents an overloading of the Output Element. An organisation where staff are expected to go all out and work like mad in the name of the company is not the type of organisation that suits a weak Day Master. A company with an extreme or highly individualistic organisational culture (ie: an anything goes type place) would also not suit the weak Day Master.

Weak Day Masters would also not be suited to a company with a very calculative, Shylockian organisational culture. A penny-pinching or extremely

financially conservative organisation would not suit a weak Day Master. Recall the weak Day Master likes the Companion Element, which translates into a preference for an organisation that has a big picture perspective, with a sort of all-for-one, one-for-all type culture. As such, the weak Day Master will not be comfortable working in an organisation which for example, rigidly enforces punctuality with salary deductions for being late (even if that the staff put in overtime the night before), cuts back on simple office expenses like toilet paper or coffee or constantly forces the individual to justify their salary.

A strong Day Master has the capability to embrace leadership roles.

Strong Day Masters & Career Matters

We know that a strong Day Master favours the Wealth, Output and Influence Elements and does not favour the Resource and Companion Elements. Utilising the same approach as above, let's examine the six questions posited above and establish some guidelines for strong Day Masters when it comes to career matters. We will start with the Favourable Elements first.

What are the activities or tasks that a strong Day Master will enjoy performing as part of their job or will like to have as part of their job?

Take charge and leadership-orientated activities or tasks that involve supervision, management or overseeing people would suit a strong Day Master as these bundle in the Influence Element and Output Element together in one equation. Strong Day Masters would be more comfortable compared to weak Day Masters in handling activities or tasks that involve managing money or cash or generating money or cash. Thus, they would be suited to work in areas of the organisation that are profit centers or which generate income rather than cost centers, as the Wealth Element is a Favourable Element.

A strong Day Master works well within highly utilitarian/ efficiency driven work environments.

A strong Day Master would prefer to be given tasks or activities that relate to the productive aspects of the organisation such as coming up with ideas, marketing, driving sales and executing strategies rather than tasks or activities that relate to the developmental or supportive aspects of the organisation, such as customer service, relationship management, customer education, research and development. Thus, a strong Day Master would prefer tasks or activities that revolve around branding, marketing, innovation, sales, promotion and public relations, as well as strategy, creating value, managing, operations and execution-centric tasks or activities.

What kind of work environment does a strong Day Master need to be effective?

The strong Day Master functions best in a very tough work environment such as one without many comfort factors or the kind of work environment where they persistently have to make things happen with the barest of resources or help, such as a start-up or possibly their own business. This way, they are required to recruit their ingenuity and innovativeness for solving problems (Output Star) whilst working under possibly high levels of stress or pressure (Influence Star). Strong Day Masters also work well within highly utilitarian/efficiency driven work environments – meaning, there is just enough support or resources for everyone, but not an excess.

Indeed, in many respect, highly competitive environments with lots of Type A personalities suit a strong Day Master. They like to be in an environment where they are pushed to their limits, constantly challenged and have the opportunity to enjoy glory, adventure, excitement and achieve outstanding success as a result of taking risks, creating chances or seizing opportunities for themselves.

What kind of organisational culture benefits a strong Day Master?

Clearly, a high-achiever environment where performance and pay are closely linked will suit a strong Day Master as this kind of organisation culture brings together all the Favourable Elements for a strong Day Master: Wealth, Output and Influence. Certainly, a heavily-structured or strongly micro-managed organisational culture would be the kind of environment that a strong Day Master can handle and may even thrive in. Strong Day Masters need to be in organisations that emphasise individual performance over team performance (since the Companion Element is unfavourable) and where there is a strong leadership culture. Indeed, a dictatorial environment or a heavily top-down organisation may actually work for the strong Day Master. Extremely lean organisations but with very distinct and strong structure would also suit a Strong Day Master.

Now, let's move to the Unfavourable Elements, which will help define the kind of tasks or activities that a strong Day Master will not like performing on the job and help define the kind of office culture and organisational style that is ill-suited to the strong Day Master.

What are the activities or tasks that a strong Day Master will not enjoy performing or will dislike as part of their job or will like to have as part of their job?

Any activities that involve excessive amounts of learning, studying, researching or which involve too much training or education or involve self-development as part of the job will not be so suitable for a strong Day Master. This doesn't mean that they shouldn't be focused on self-improvement – everyone should strive to self-improve. It's just that strong Day Masters do it better on the job or through the school of hard-knocks method (meaning, learning through doing) rather than through attending classes, workshops or doing voluminous quantities of research. Tasks that involve working as part of a team (as opposed to leading the team) or which require collaboration are not so suited to strong Day Masters. They are better off working on their own with staff to execute their directives or in a silo-environment, where they multi-task and do everything in the chain of activities. As the Resource Star represents paperwork and documentation, naturally, any kind of job which is heavy on paperwork or which requires a lot of form filling or documentation would not suit a strong Day Master.

What kind of work environment does not suit a strong Day Master?

Certainly an overly comfortable or familiar environment would not suit a strong Day Master, although obviously, most people would prefer to work in a comfortable place rather than an uncomfortable place. However, the strong Day Master does not need more of the Resource Star so in theory, a highly comfortable work environment is more likely to lead to complacency rather than achievement. A work environment that is highly supportive and where people are not given KPIs or where there is an emphasis on work-life balance won't suit a strong Day Master. They need structure, they need pressure and they need to be driven. Any kind of environment that cossets, molly-coddles or basically is 'soft' and 'forgiving' of mistakes or a highly tolerant culture won't be suited for a strong Day Master. The work environment of a strong Day Master needs to be designed to maximise productivity and efficiency, indeed, keep the person on their toes or uncomfortable, rather than comfort and convenience. Flat organisations (where there is no hierarchy) would also not be so suitable for a strong Day Master.

What kind of organisational culture does not suit a strong Day Master?

A lax culture such an organisation where there are no clear rules but just a general vision or a lofty mission statement or a mantra does not suit a strong Day Master as this would represent too much of the Resource Element. Equally, an organisation where there is heavy tilt towards teamwork over individual achievement would be ill-suited to a strong Day Master. This of course does not mean that strong Day Masters cannot work with teams or be part of a team – it just means that they are not so suited to an organisation which over-emphasises team efforts over that of the individual. In some respects, strong Day Masters are less concerned with organisational culture since culture in itself is a component of the Resource Element. A strong Day Master would prefer an organisation which has clarity of purpose rather than a fudgy, warm and fuzzy culture. The strong Day Master is less concerned with how the company makes them feel and more concerned with what the company is doing.

However, they do not like environments where they have to blindly follow the rules either since there may be reasons for the rules to change, such as efficiency or keeping up with the times. In this respect, the strong Day Master places a premium on an organisation that is dynamic and which is capable of changing and adapting its culture or structure to circumstances, rather than one that sticks to a rigid set of rules for the sake of rules.

Bear in mind that we need to separate between the theoretical ideal and the practical reality when it comes to applying this analysis in real life. For example, the strong Day Master may be suited to a highly structured, extremely hierarchical organisation but that does not mean that the person will WANT that or that that kind of organisation is the kind of organisation they will aspire to work within. The Dominant Characteristics of the chart can and do work against the interests of the Day Master at times. In these instances, the individual is faced with something of an uphill battle – they need to actually go against the mindset, inclinations and characteristics that dominate their thoughts and actions, and consciously chose choices that they may not LIKE but which bring about advantages to the Day Master.

Take a look at these two examples to illustrate this point.

時 Hour	日 Day	月 Month	年 Year	
正財 DW 己 Ji Yin Earth	日元 DM 甲 Jia Yang Wood	偏財 IW 戊 Wu Yang Earth	偏財 IW 戊 Wu Yang Earth	天干 Heavenly Stems
巳 Si **Snake** Yin Fire	午 Wu **Horse** Yang Fire	午 Wu **Horse** Yang Fire	寅 Yin **Tiger** Yang Wood	地支 Earthly Branches
庚 Geng + Metal 殺 7K 丙 Bing + Fire 食 EG 戊 Wu + Earth 才 IW	丁 Ding - Fire 傷 HO 己 Ji - Earth 財 DW	丁 Ding - Fire 傷 HO 己 Ji - Earth 財 DW	戊 Wu + Earth 才 IW 甲 Jia + Wood 比 F 丙 Bing + Fire 食 EG	藏干 Hidden Stems

This is the chart of a Jia 甲 Wood Day Master born in Horse 午 (Wu), which is part of the season of Summer, when Fire is strongest. This is accordingly a weak Day Master. A weak Day Master favours the Resource and Companion Elements, and does not favour the Wealth, Output and Influence Elements.

Water represents the Resource Stars for a Jia Wood Day Master since Water produces Wood in the Five Elements Production cycle. The Direct Resource Star is represented by Gui 癸 Water, whilst the Indirect Resource Star is represented by Ren 壬 Water. This chart however does not contain a drop of Water anywhere in the chart. So, this chart does not have any Direct Resource Star or an Indirect Resource Star – it is entirely devoid of the Resource Element.

In this chart, the Direct Wealth and Indirect Wealth Stars are Dominant Characteristics – Ji 己 Earth, which represents the Direct Wealth Star is rooted in both the Horse Branches and Wu Earth, which represents the Indirect Wealth Star, is rooted in the Tiger Branch. You will also notice that there is a partial Three Harmony Fire Frame Combination in this chart between the Horse and Tiger – this strengthens significantly the Fire Element, which is the Output Element, in this chart.

Based on the principle of Favourable and Unfavourable Elements, this weak Jia Wood Day Master would thrive best in a job that co-relate to the Resource and Companion Elements. Thus, a job wherein the main tasks or activities of the position had some element of mentoring, or which involve training or coaching, or which was orientated on research and development or required self-cultivation or self-development, would be good. Equally, there needs to be a downplay of tasks or activities that are related to entrepreneurial activities or involve managing wealth or cash management or which involve a great deal of responsibilities, by way of minimising the Wealth Element. There should also not be too much focus on tasks or activities requiring innovation and creativity or problem-solving skills, as these would then emphasise the Output Element.

Unfortunately, this Day Master does not have any Resource Stars and has Dominant Characteristics that are also Unfavourable Elements. Thus, as much as this person should try to build in components of the Resource Elements into their job tasks or job-related activities, they will most likely not be inclined to do so because the Resource Element is missing. Further, as their chart has Dominant Characteristics that drive them towards

utilising more of the Unfavourable Elements (remember, Dominant Characteristics dominate your inclinations, tendencies and interests) – again, they will be less inclined towards ensuring their job has components that are helpful to them, or seeking out the right kind of job environment for themselves.

時 Hour	日 Day	月 Month	年 Year	
食神 EG 丁 Ding Yin Fire	日元 DM 乙 Yi Yin Wood	偏財 IW 己 Ji Yin Earth	比肩 F 乙 Yi Yin Wood	天干 Heavenly Stems
亥 Hai **Pig** Yin Water	卯 Mao **Rabbit** Yin Wood	卯 Mao **Rabbit** Yin Wood	亥 Hai **Pig** Yin Water	地支 Earthly Branches
壬 Ren + Water 印 DR 甲 Jia + Wood 劫 RW	乙 Yi - Wood 比 F	乙 Yi - Wood 比 F	壬 Ren + Water 印 DR 甲 Jia + Wood 劫 RW	十藏 Hidden Stems

This is the chart of a Yi 乙 Wood Day Master born in Rabbit 卯 (Mao), which is part of the season of Spring, when Wood is strongest. This is accordingly a strong Day Master. A strong Day Master favours the Wealth, Output and Influence Elements, and does not favour the Resource and Companion Elements. In this chart, the Dominant Characteristic is the Friend Star, which is appears in the Year Stem and is rooted in the double Rabbit Branches. There is also a partial Three Harmony Wood Frame Combination in this chart, which further strengthens the Companion Element in this chart, which is also an Unfavourable Element.

A strong Yi Wood Day Master would do best in a job environment which emphasises achievement, is a high pressure environment and one with clear and strong hierarchy and structure. An organisation that expects all its employees to lead and step-up would suit this strong Day Master better than one with a consensus and team-driven ethos. However, in this chart, the Dominant Characteristic, which is the Friend Star, will make this Yi Wood Day Master be more inclined towards a collegial, consensus and team-driven job environment and would probably prefer a job environment that is not so ambition and achievement driven. In short, this Yi Wood prefers to be judged on their performance as part of a team than as an individual, even though this isn't ideal for the strong Day Master. Thus, this chart is an example of how the theoretical ideal can sometimes be thwarted by the chart's Dominant Characteristic components.

You may find in some of the charts that you analyse that the Dominant Characteristics push the person in a direction that their Favourable and Unfavourable Elements suggest they should not go towards when it comes to career matters. This is normal – contradictions within a BaZi chart are perhaps the number one reason why obviously intelligent people muddle their way in a confused fashion through their working life and continue to make the same silly mistakes in their career despite knowing better most of the time. Making sense of the contradictions and working out how to handle them is a key component of the problem-solving and solution-development aspects of BaZi. At this point however, you should not be too concerned if you find that you are not as adept with coming up with solutions or solving problems within the chart.

At this point, you should look to master the application of a multi-Star approach to the chart and developing a good familiarity with analysing career matters using the above approach. You should also try to expand your analysis of career matters by incorporating the more basic techniques that have been presented in previous books in the *Destiny Code* and the *10 Gods* series.

RELATIONSHIP ANALYSIS USING THE 10 GODS & THE PRINCIPLE OF FAVOURABLE AND UNFAVOURABLE ELEMENTS

In *Enter the 10 Gods*, we focused the analysis of relationship matters very narrowly, looking specifically at romantic relationships and making the Spouse Star the focal point of the analysis techniques and discussion. As a quick refresher, the Spouse Star is represented by the Direct Wealth Star for men and the Direct Officer Star for women. In the absence of Direct Wealth Star or the Direct Officer Star, then the Indirect Wealth Star or the 7 Killings Star may be referenced.

As stated at the start of this chapter, the goal in this book is to expand your analysis techniques beyond looking at things from the standpoint of a singular Star and to be able to analyse a chart using a multi-Star approach. So we're going to start out by looking at which other Stars play a part when it comes to analysing romantic relationships.

When it comes to romantic relationships, the other Star that matters for both genders (aside from the Spouse Star) is the Rob Wealth Star.

In *Enter the 10 Gods*, I explained how having the Rob Wealth Star as a Dominant Characteristic was a character trait that would affect the quality of the spousal relationship for men. Here, we are not just interested in how the character traits related to the Rob Wealth Star affect a person's relationship prospects (although it is a relevant consideration) – we are also

looking at how the people the Star represents affect a person's relationship prospects.

The Rob Wealth Star represents, in essence, our peers and competitors in life. And when it comes to securing a Spouse, competition matters, whether you're a man or a woman. Thus, when the Rob Wealth Star is a Dominant Characteristic in the chart, this means that competition is prevalent in the person's life. Everything that this person wants or aspires to achieve, must be done in the face of fierce and intense competition, including matters of the heart. When that is coupled with the fact that the Rob Wealth Star also represents a tendency to place friends over family, you have a situation where the person's romantic relationship could be negatively affected because even when they are able to surpass the odds and beat the competition, they don't do what it takes to maintain the relationship because they are too busy with their friends.

Having the Rob Wealth Star as a Dominant Characteristic would affect the quality of the spousal relationship for men.

Thus, when we are analysing a BaZi chart to decipher the person's romantic relationship prospects, we not only need to look at the Spouse Star and the Spouse Palace, but we also need to look at the Rob Wealth Star.

時 Hour	日 Day	月 Month	年 Year	
比肩 F 壬 Ren Yang Water	日元 DM 壬 Ren Yang Water	偏財 IW 丙 Bing Yang Fire	食神 EG 甲 Jia Yang Wood	天干 Heavenly Stems
子 Zi **Rat** Yang Water	辰 Chen **Dragon** Yang Earth	子 Zi **Rat** Yang Water	子 Zi **Rat** Yang Water	地支 Earthly Branches
癸 Gui - Water 劫 RW	癸 Gui - Water 劫 RW 戊 Wu + Earth 殺 7K 乙 Yi - Wood 傷 HO	癸 Gui - Water 劫 RW	癸 Gui - Water 劫 RW	藏干 Hidden Stems

This Ren 壬 Water Day Master is born in month of Rat 子 (Zi), which is the season of Winter, where Water is the dominant and most prosperous element. As such, this Ren Water Day Master is clearly a strong Day Master.

In analysing this Ren Water Day Master's romantic relationships through a multi-Star approach, we must look at both the Spouse Star and the Rob Wealth Star. The Spouse Element is represented by the element of Fire. Fire is present in this chart, in the form of Bing Fire, which represents the Indirect Wealth Star, in the Month Stem. The Rob Wealth Star, although it only appears in the Branches, is nonetheless prominent. See how the Rob Wealth Star appears in all four of the Earthly Branches?

What conclusion can we then arrive at about this Ren Water Day Master's romantic relationships? The first thing we will notice is that the Rob Wealth Star in a way, is practically circling the Spouse Element in this chart. This tells us something very important but simple: this Ren Water Day Master has to compete against many other suitors for the attention of the women in his life. Further, there is a singular Spouse Element, which means that all of the Water Elements in this chart (including the Day Master) will be drawn to the singular Spouse Element. The Bing Fire in this chart is akin to the proverbial rose amongst the thorns. That enhances the conclusion that this Ren Water Day Master must deal with a lot of competition when it comes to his love life (and other matters as well).

Now let's draw in some of the analysis techniques from the previous 10 Gods and Destiny Code books. In this chart, the true Spouse Element, which is the Direct Wealth Star, represented by Ding Fire, is not present. The Secondary Spouse Element is also not located in the correct palace, namely the Spouse Palace. Whilst the Secondary Spouse Element is located close to the Day Master, Ren and Bing is regarded as a Stem Clash. These three features in the chart already lean against the Day Master when it comes to the matter of quality of marriage or romantic relationship. Affinity between the Day Master and the Spouse Star is clearly not great, indeed, there is evidence that this person has a habit of repelling romantic relationships or driving away their spouse or Significant Other as evidence by the Clash and the dominance of the Rob Wealth Star in the chart, which makes the person have the habit of spending more time with their friends than their family.

When we add the multi-Star approach and take into account the effect of the Rob Wealth Star, the existing challenges the chart is already facing are exacerbated. Not only is the affinity between the Day Master and Spouse Star of poor quality, but the Day Master has to compete for the attention of the Spouse Star. The only plus point for this chart is that the Spouse Element is a Favourable Element. However, it is questionable whether or not this factor alone is sufficient to offset the other negative features of the chart with regards the issue of spousal relationship.

時 Hour	日 Day	月 Month	年 Year	
比肩 F 甲 Jia Yang Wood	日元 DM 甲 Jia Yang Wood	偏財 IW 戊 Wu Yang Earth	七殺 7K 庚 Geng Yang Metal	天干 Heavenly Stems
子 Zi **Rat** Yang Water	寅 Yin **Tiger** Yang Wood	寅 Yin **Tiger** Yang Wood	申 Shen **Monkey** Yang Metal	地支 Earthly Branches
癸 Gui - Water 印 DR	戊 Wu + Earth 才 IW; 甲 Jia + Wood 比 F; 丙 Bing + Fire 食 EG	戊 Wu + Earth 才 IW; 甲 Jia + Wood 比 F; 丙 Bing + Fire 食 EG	戊 Wu + Earth 才 IW; 庚 Geng + Metal 殺 7K; 壬 Ren + Water 印 IR	藏干 Hidden Stems

This Jia 甲 Wood Day Master is born in month of Tiger 寅 (Yin), which is the season of Spring, where Wood is the dominant and most prosperous element. Now, there is no Rob Wealth Star in this chart, but when a chart contains a preponderance of the Friend Star and the Friend Star is a Dominant Characteristic, then the chart is deemed to exhibit the problems associated the Rob

Wealth Star. This is a situation known as 氣聚比劫 or Friend Converts into Rob Wealth. In such an instance, the Friend Star manifests all the negative qualities of the Rob Wealth Star, but none of the positive qualities, it is regarded as being significantly worse than having an outright Rob Wealth Star problem. This is because the Friend Star, as it shares the polarity of the Day Master, is deemed to be a positive Star, a Star that lends support and strength without demanding anything in return.

氣聚比劫

Friend Converts into Rob Wealth

When the Friend Star begins to behave like a Rob Wealth Star whilst still being wrapped in the cloak of the Friend Star, this means that the Day Master will experience romantic or relationship competition from someone they did not expect to pose a threat to them. In other words, the person will be betrayed in matters of the heart by the most unlikely of persons from their inner circle. By contrast, when only the Rob Wealth Star appears in the chart, the person is aware that they have competition and regard their competitor as a competitor, not a friend.

The problem is compounded by the fact that this chart also does not contain the true Spouse Star of Jia Wood, regardless of whether this is a male or female chart. The chart only contains the Indirect Wealth Star which is the secondary Spouse Star of a male Jia Wood and the 7 Killings Star, which is the secondary Spouse Star of a female Jia Wood.

We can also apply the principle of Favourable and Unfavourable Elements to an assessment of relationship matters, although caution must be exercised with regards the conclusions you arrive at. It is important to

always be aware that one factor alone does not make for a negative or poor anything – we need multiple factors pointing to the same conclusion. As a general principle, a Day Master is likely to have a difficult or more complex relationship with an individual or class of individuals that is represented by an Unfavourable Element, and likely to have a better and more pleasant relationship with an individual or class of individuals that is represented by a Favourable Element. However, the extent of the relationship's positive or negative quality is **not** determined by the principle of Favourable and Unfavourable Elements alone.

Thus, if the Rob Wealth Star is a Favourable Element in a chart and the Spouse Star is not, this indicates a situation where the spousal relationship might be affected. This is because the Rob Wealth Star denotes one's friends and cohorts, and as that Star is favoured over the Spouse Star, this means the person (male or female) prefers the company of their friends rather than their spouse. Now this in itself will not contribute to a problem with the marriage BUT it can create friction within the relationship. If this feature is present with other exaggerating features in the chart (such as a Clash, Harm, Destruction involving the Spouse Palace or Spouse Star), then the severity of the outcome is very different.

The extent of the relationship's positive or negative quality is not determined by the principle of Favourable and Unfavourable Elements alone.

In *Enter the 10 Gods*, I indicated that having the Spouse Element in the Spouse Palace represented the Gold Standard as far as having a good relationship with one's Spouse is concerned. Now, if the Spouse Element that is located in the Spouse Palace also happens to be a Favourable Element, then there is a very strong likelihood of a good relationship with the Spouse.

時 Hour	日 Day	月 Month	年 Year	
七殺 7K 甲 Jia Yang Wood	日元 DM 戊 Wu Yang Earth	劫財 RW 己 Ji Yin Earth	劫財 RW 己 Ji Yin Earth	天干 Heavenly Stems
寅 Yin **Tiger** Yang Wood	子 Zi **Rat** Yang Water	巳 Si **Snake** Yin Fire	卯 Mao **Rabbit** Yin Wood	地支 Earthly Branches
戊 Wu + Earth 比 F; 甲 Jia + Wood 殺 7K; 丙 Bing + Fire 卩 IR	癸 Gui - Water 財 DW	庚 Geng + Metal 食 EG; 丙 Bing + Fire 卩 IR; 戊 Wu + Earth 比 F	乙 Yi - Wood 官 DO	藏干 Hidden Stems

This is the chart of a male Wu 戊 Earth Day Master is born in month of Snake 巳 (Si), which is the season of Summer. Earth has no season of its own but is regarded as Strong in the season of Summer, when Fire is strongest. As such, this Wu Earth Day Master is a Strong Day Master and accordingly favours the Wealth Element, which also represents this male Wu Earth Day Master's Spouse Star.

In this example, the Direct Wealth Star, which is the true Spouse Star of a male Wu 戊 Earth Day Master, and represented by Gui 癸 Water, is located within the Rat 子 (Zi) Earthly Branch, in the Day Pillar. You will recall that the Earthly Branch of the Day Pillar is the Spouse Palace. Here, we have an example of a chart where the correct Spouse Star is in the Spouse Palace, and the Spouse Star is a Favourable Element. There is also no negative interaction affecting the Spouse Palace – in this case, the Rabbit-Rat Uncivilised Punishment is not regarded as in effect as the Rat and Rabbit Earthly Branches are not side-by-side. This chart is an example of a person who will have an extremely positive, loving and close relationship with his spouse.

時 Hour	日 Day	月 Month	年 Year	
正印 DR 戊 Wu Yang Earth	日元 DM 辛 Xin Yin Metal	偏印 IR 己 Ji Yin Earth	偏財 IW 乙 Yi Yin Wood	天干 Heavenly Stems
戌 Xu **Dog** Yang Earth	巳 Si **Snake** Yin Fire	卯 Mao **Rabbit** Yin Wood	亥 Hai **Pig** Yin Water	地支 Earthly Branches
丁 Ding - Fire 殺 7K; 戊 Wu + Earth 印 DR; 辛 Xin - Metal 比 F	庚 Geng + Metal 劫 RW; 丙 Bing + Fire 官 DO; 戊 Wu + Earth 印 DR	乙 Yi - Wood 才 IW	壬 Ren + Water 傷 HO; 甲 Jia + Wood 財 DW	藏干 Hidden Stems

This is the chart of a female Xin 辛 Metal Day Master is born in month of Rabbit 卯 (Mao), which is the season of Spring, where Wood is the dominant and most prosperous element. On a strict assessment of the Day Master's strength based on season of birth, this is a weak Day Master. However, this Xin Metal Day Master can call upon support from the Rob Wealth Star, represented

by Geng Metal, present within the Snake 巳 (Si) in the Day Branch and also the Friend Star, represented by Xin Metal, present within the Dog 戌 (Xu) in the Hour Branch. As such, this would be regarded as a moderately Strong Day Master (to be distinguished from a Prosperous Day Master). As such, this Day Master favours the Wealth, Output and Influence Elements and does not favour the Resource and Companion Elements.

As this is a female, the Spouse Element is represented by the element of Fire. Specifically, the primary Spouse Star, which is the Direct Officer Star, is represented by Bing Fire. Bing Fire is found in the Snake (Si) Branch, which is located in the Spouse Palace. As this is a Strong Day Master, the Influence Element, is a Favourable Element.

If you don't have the Spouse Element in the Spouse Palace BUT the element that constitutes the Main Qi of the Earthly Branch in the Spouse Palace is a Favourable Element, then a good relationship with the Spouse is also likely. This is because an element that the Day Master favours is located in the Spouse Palace - thus, the individual is more likely to have a positive relationship with their Spouse, by virtue of the presence of the Favourable Element in the Spouse Palace. It's sort of a situation where the relationship is made positive by vicarious means – the individual is more 'inclined' to indulge their Spouse or have a good relationship with their Spouse in such an instance because the elements that they want or like are found in that Palace. Of course, this is not as good as having a Favourable Spouse Star located the Spouse Palace but it's not too shabby either.

時 Hour	日 Day	月 Month	年 Year	
正官 DO 戊 Wu Yang Earth	日元 DM 癸 Gui Yin Water	傷官 HO 甲 Jia Yang Wood	正財 DW 丙 Bing Yang Fire	天干 Heavenly Stems
午 Wu **Horse** Yang Fire	酉 You **Rooster** Yin Metal	午 Wu **Horse** Yang Fire	寅 Yin **Tiger** Yang Wood	地支 Earthly Branches
丁 Ding - Fire 才 IW; 己 Ji - Earth 殺 7K	辛 Xin - Metal 卩 IR	丁 Ding - Fire 才 IW; 己 Ji - Earth 殺 7K	戊 Wu + Earth 官 DO; 甲 Jia + Wood 傷 HO; 丙 Bing + Fire 財 DW	藏干 Hidden Stems

This is the chart of a male Gui 癸 Water Day Master is born in month of Horse 午 (Wu) which is the season of Summer, where Fire is the dominant and most prosperous element. On a strict assessment of the Day Master's strength based on season of birth, this is a weak Day Master. As such, this Day Master favours the Resource and Companion Elements, represented by Metal and Water, and does not favour the Wealth, Output and Influence Elements, represented by Fire, Wood and Earth respectively.

In this example, the Spouse Star is not located in the Spouse Palace but the Spouse Palace does contain a Favourable Element, namely, Xin Metal. The question is whether or not in this instance, it can help offset against the effect of the other features in the chart which may give rise to problems when it comes to relationship matters, namely the preponderance of Wealth Stars and the fact that the Wealth Element is an Unfavourable Element.

If the Spouse Element is a Favourable Element, then even if it is not located in the Spouse Palace, it can still be regarded as indicative of a good and positive relationship with one's spouse and a good quality marriage. It can also indicate significant improvement to the person's quality of life or levels of happiness upon getting married.

時 Hour	日 Day	月 Month	年 Year	
正官 DO 乙 Yi Yin Wood	日元 DM 戊 Wu Yang Earth	正財 DW 癸 Gui Yin Water	偏印 IR 丙 Bing Yang Fire	天干 Heavenly Stems
卯 Mao **Rabbit** Yin Wood	午 Wu **Horse** Yang Fire	巳 Si **Snake** Yin Fire	辰 Chen **Dragon** Yang Earth	地支 Earthly Branches
乙 Yi - Wood 官 DO	丁 Ding - Fire 印 DR; 己 Ji - Earth 劫 RW	庚 Geng + Metal 食 EG; 丙 Bing + Fire 卩 IR; 戊 Wu + Earth 比 F	癸 Gui - Water 財 DW; 戊 Wu + Earth 比 F; 乙 Yi - Wood 官 DO	藏干 Hidden Stems

This male Wu 戊 Earth Day Master is born in month of Snake 巳 (Si), which is the season of Summer, where Fire is the dominant and most prosperous element. As Earth does not have an actual dedicated season, Summer is regarded as the only season when Earth can be Strong and Prosperous, as Fire is the Resource Element of Earth. As such, this Wu Earth Day Master is clearly a Strong Day Master. A strong Day Master favours the Wealth, Output and Influence Elements represented by Water, Metal and Wood respectively.

The Spouse Element is clearly one of the Favourable Elements in this chart - recall a man's spouse is represented by the Wealth Star, specifically the Direct Wealth Star. As such, it can be said that this man will have a good relationship with his Spouse as he clearly favours the Spouse Element. Further, there is also a Combination between the Day Master and the Direct Wealth Star, as Wu and Gui are a Stem Combination. This adds further credence to the conclusion that this man will enjoy a positive and good quality relationship with his Spouse.

By extension this would mean that having an Unfavourable Element in the Spouse Palace (even if it is not the Spouse Star) leads to a person easily disliking their Spouse or being inclined to be less forgiving of their Spouse's shortcomings. It is important however to be aware that just because a person has a less than perfect relationship with their Spouse or is a little less tolerant of their Spouse, does not necessarily mean the person will have a bad relationship with their Spouse all the time or that they will have a poor marriage or will experience marriage failure. Other factors such as negative interactions involving the Spouse Star or the Spouse Palace need to be present for such a conclusion. The presence of an Unfavourable Element in the Spouse Palace is essentially an irritant which only causes problems if it is accompanied by other features in the chart that exacerbate this problem.

It does not naturally follow that if the Spouse Star is one of your Unfavourable Elements, that automatically you are destined to have poor relationships with the opposite sex or your Spouse or that marriage is going to be an uphill battle for you all the way. The Favourable or Unfavourable nature of the Spouse

Element does not in itself definitively define the quality of a person's spousal relationship or marriage – you need other factors to be present as well to exaggerate the Unfavourable nature of the Spouse Element to conclude it will lead to marriage problems or relationship failure.

For example, if the Spouse Element is an Unfavourable Element and also happens to be located in the Spouse Palace, and that Spouse Palace is affected by say, a Clash, then there is grounds for the view that the person's spousal relationship will be poor quality or that there is a high risk of marriage failure.

Take a look at these series of examples which illustrate the above points.

時 Hour	日 Day	月 Month	年 Year	
劫財 RW 辛 Xin Yin Metal	日元 DM 庚 Geng Yang Metal	七殺 7K 丙 Bing Yang Fire	正財 DW 乙 Yi Yin Wood	天干 Heavenly Stems
巳 Si **Snake** Yin Fire	戌 Xu **Dog** Yang Earth	戌 Xu **Dog** Yang Earth	酉 You **Rooster** Yin Metal	地支 Earthly Branches
庚 Geng + Metal 比 F; 丙 Bing + Fire 殺 7K; 戊 Wu + Earth 財 IR	丁 Ding - Fire 官 DO; 戊 Wu + Earth 財 IR; 辛 Xin - Metal 劫 RW	丁 Ding - Fire 官 DO; 戊 Wu + Earth 財 IR; 辛 Xin - Metal 劫 RW	辛 Xin - Metal 劫 RW	藏干 Hidden Stems

This male Geng 庚 Metal Day Master is born in month of Dog 戌 (Xu), which is the season of Autumn, where Metal is the dominant and most prosperous element. As such, this Geng Metal Day Master is clearly a Strong Day Master. A strong Day Master favours the Wealth, Output and Influence Elements represented by Wood, Water and Fire respectively. The Unfavourable Elements of this chart are the Resource and Companion Elements, represented by Earth and Metal respectively.

In this chart, both the Unfavourable Elements – namely, Wu 戊 Earth and Xin 辛 Metal - are located in the Spouse Palace. However, there are no unfavourable interactions such as a Clash, Combination, Harm or Destruction, impacting the Spouse Palace. Further, the Spouse Star is a Favourable Element as this is a strong

Day Master. As such, this is an example of a chart where the presence of Unfavourable Elements in the Spouse Palace do not significantly affect the quality of the spousal relationship or marriage.

時 Hour	日 Day	月 Month	年 Year	
比肩 F 庚 Geng Yang Metal	日元 DM 庚 Geng Yang Metal	偏印 IR 戊 Wu Yang Earth	正印 DR 己 Ji Yin Earth	天干 Heavenly Stems
辰 Chen Dragon Yang Earth	戌 Xu Dog Yang Earth	辰 Chen Dragon Yang Earth	未 Wei Goat Yin Earth	地支 Earthly Branches
癸 Gui - Water 傷 HO; 戊 Wu + Earth 卩 IR; 乙 Yi - Wood 財 DW	丁 Ding - Fire 官 DO; 戊 Wu + Earth 卩 IR; 辛 Xin - Metal 劫 RW	癸 Gui - Water 傷 HO; 戊 Wu + Earth 卩 IR; 乙 Yi - Wood 財 DW	乙 Yi - Wood 財 DW; 己 Ji - Earth 印 DR; 丁 Ding - Fire 官 DO	藏干 Hidden Stems

This male Geng 庚 Metal Day Master is born in month of Dragon 辰 (Chen) which is the season of Spring, where Wood is the dominant and most prosperous element. Although based on the season, this Geng Metal Day Master appears to be weak, the presence of Xin 辛 Metal inside the Dog 戌 (Xu) located in the Day Branch helps bolster the strength of this Day Master. Accordingly, this would be considered a moderately strong Day Master. Thus, this Geng Metal Day Master favours the Wealth, Output and Influence Elements represented by Wood, Water and Fire respectively. The Unfavourable Elements of this chart are the Resource and Companion Elements, represented by Earth and Metal respectively.

Like the Geng 庚 Metal Day Master example is the previous page, this Geng Metal Day Master also has Unfavourable Elements – namely Earth and Metal – in the Spouse Palace. However, in this example, the Spouse Palace is further affected by a double Clash, from the two Dragons 辰 (Chen) that flank the Dog 戌 (Xu) Earthly Branch that forms the Spouse Palace. In this instance, the presence of Unfavourable Elements in the Spouse Palace, coupled with the negative interaction affecting the Spouse Palace, heightens the risk of relationship problems or spousal issues. It might further be added that although the Spouse Element is a Favourable Element, it is deeply buried inside the Dragon (Chen) and Goat 未 (Wei), which makes element very difficult to access. This denotes a great deal of difficulty meeting one's Spouse or connecting with members of the opposite sex as it is.

時 Hour	日 Day	月 Month	年 Year	
偏財 IW 己 Ji Yin Earth	日元 DM 乙 Yi Yin Wood	偏財 IW 己 Ji Yin Earth	正印 DR 壬 Ren Yang Water	天干 Heavenly Stems
卯 Mao Rabbit Yin Wood	酉 You Rooster Yin Metal	酉 You Rooster Yin Metal	辰 Chen Dragon Yang Earth	地支 Earthly Branches
乙 Yi - Wood 比 F	辛 Xin - Metal 殺 7K	辛 Xin - Metal 殺 7K	癸 Gui - Water 印 IR; 戊 Wu + Earth 財 DW; 乙 Yi - Wood 比 F	藏干 Hidden Stems

This male Yi 乙 Wood Day Master is born in month of Rooster 酉 (You), which is the season of Autumn, where Metal is the dominant and most prosperous element. As such, this Yi Wood Day Master would be regarded as a weak Day Master. In this instance, the presence of Yi Wood within the Rabbit 卯 (Mao) Earthly Branch in the Hour Pillar cannot be called upon to support the Day Master as the Yi Wood in the Rabbit (Mao) is negatively affected by the clash with the Rooster (You) in the Spouse Palace. As such, this is clearly a weak Yi Wood Day Master. A weak Day Master favours the Resource and Companion Elements, and does not favour the Wealth, Output and Influence Elements.

In this chart, the Spouse Palace clearly contains an Unfavourable Element, namely the Influence Element. Specifically, the 7 Killings Star is located in the Spouse Palace – Yi Wood is particularly fearful of the 7 Killings Star since only Xin Metal can cut Yi Wood. As such, it is

not just an Unfavourable Element that is contained in the Spouse Palace, but an extremely disliked Element for Yi Wood doesn't like its roots to be cut. The Spouse Palace is further negatively affected by a Self Punishment with the Rooster 酉 (You) located in the Month Branch, and a Clash with the Rabbit 卯 (Mao) in the Hour Pillar. On top of all that, the Spouse Element is unfavourable, since this is a weak Day Master.

In this example, the presence of an Unfavourable Element in the Spouse Palace exacerbates the Unfavourable Element-quality of the Spouse Star. The fact that the Spouse Palace is in itself impacted by negative interactions, adds to the risk of relationship or marriage related problems for this Yi 乙 Wood Day Master.

時 Hour	日 Day	月 Month	年 Year	
正財 DW 甲 Jia Yang Wood	日元 DM 辛 Xin Yin Metal	正財 DW 甲 Jia Yang Wood	食神 EG 癸 Gui Yin Water	天干 Heavenly Stems
午 Wu **Horse** Yang Fire	巳 Si **Snake** Yin Fire	寅 Yin **Tiger** Yang Wood	卯 Mao **Rabbit** Yin Wood	地支 Earthly Branches
丁 Ding - Fire 殺 7K; 己 Ji - Earth 卩 IR	庚 Geng + Metal 劫 RW; 丙 Bing + Fire 官 DO; 戊 Wu + Earth 印 DR	戊 Wu + Earth 印 DR; 甲 Jia + Wood 財 DW; 丙 Bing + Fire 官 DO	乙 Yi - Wood 才 IW	藏干 Hidden Stems

This is the chart of a male Xin 辛 Metal Day Master is born in month of Tiger 寅 (Yin), which is the season of Spring, where Wood is the dominant and most

prosperous element. The season of birth renders the Day Master a Weak Day Master. Unlike the earlier example, the Xin Metal Day Master cannot really utilise the Snake 巳 (Si) Earthly Branch for support because the Snake is affected by an Ungrateful Punishment interaction caused by the Tiger (Yin). As such, this is definitively a weak Day Master.

As the Day Master is Weak, the Wealth Element is not considered a Favourable Element as a weak Day Master will favour the Resource and Companion Elements. However, in itself, this is not enough to arrive at the conclusion that this male Xin Metal Day Master will have a poor quality marriage or a difficult/poor quality relationship with his Spouse. We need more than just the Wealth Element being Unfavourable to arrive at that conclusion. This is where the interactions in the chart act to push the chart one way or another. Here, there is an Ungrateful Punishment involving the Spouse Star, represented by Jia 甲 Wood inside the Tiger (Yin), and the Spouse Palace, where the Snake (Si) Earthly Branch is located. This negative interaction exacerbates the effect of the Wealth Element being unfavourable. Thus, the likelihood of a poor marriage or a difficult relationship with the spouse or members of the opposite sex is increased.

The example below provides a contrasting perspective:

時 Hour	日 Day	月 Month	年 Year	
比肩 F 壬 Ren Yang Water	日元 DM 壬 Ren Yang Water	七殺 7K 戊 Wu Yang Earth	偏財 IW 丙 Bing Yang Fire	天干 Heavenly Stems
子 Zi **Rat** Yang Water	午 Wu **Horse** Yang Fire	戌 Xu **Dog** Yang Earth	寅 Yin **Tiger** Yang Wood	地支 Earthly Branches
癸 Gui - Water 劫 RW	丁 Ding - Fire 財 DW; 己 Ji - Earth 官 DO	丁 Ding - Fire 財 DW; 戊 Wu + Earth 殺 7K; 辛 Xin - Metal 印 DR	戊 Wu + Earth 殺 7K; 甲 Jia + Wood 食 EG; 丙 Bing + Fire 才 IW	藏干 Hidden Stems

This is the chart of a male Ren 壬 Water Day Master is born in month of Dog 戌 (Xu), which is the season of Autumn, where Metal is the dominant and most prosperous element. The season of birth renders the Day Master a strong Day Master. As such, the Wealth, Output and Influence Elements are Favourable. The Wealth Element represents the Spouse Element to a male Day Master – as such, in this chart, the Spouse Element would be considered a Favourable Element. Here, the Direct Wealth Star, which is the true Spouse Star for a male Ren Water Day Master, is further located in the Day Branch, which is also the Spouse Palace. Further, the element of Fire in this chart is extremely strong by virtue of the Tiger-Horse-Dog (Yin-Wu-Xu) Three Harmony Fire Frame Combination that is present in the chart. Thus, there is a lot working in this Ren Water Day Master's favour in so far as the quality of his marriage or spousal relationship is concerned.

Thus, whilst the Spouse Star and the Spouse Palace is Clashed by the Rob Wealth Star, in the form of Rat 子 (Zi), located in the Hour Earthly Branch, the effect of the Clash is substantially ameliorated by the above factors.

If the Spouse Element happens to be Unfavourable but the Spouse Star is in the right Palace or there is a Combination with the Spouse Star in the Stems, the Unfavourable quality of the Spouse Element can be regarded as ameliorated by the positive features of the chart. Take a look at the two examples below for an illustration of this point.

時 Hour	日 Day	月 Month	年 Year	
正印 DR 丁 Ding Yin Fire	日元 DM 戊 Wu Yang Earth	七殺 7K 甲 Jia Yang Wood	正官 DO 乙 Yi Yin Wood	天干 Heavenly Stems
巳 Si **Snake** Yin Fire	子 Zi **Rat** Yang Water	申 Shen **Monkey** Yang Metal	亥 Hai **Pig** Yin Water	地支 Earthly Branches
庚 Geng + Metal 食 EG; 丙 Bing + Fire 卩 IR; 戊 Wu + Earth 比 F	癸 Gui - Water 財 DW	戊 Wu + Earth 比 F; 庚 Geng + Metal 食 EG; 壬 Ren + Water 才 IW	壬 Ren + Water 才 IW; 甲 Jia + Wood 殺 7K	藏干 Hidden Stems

This is the chart of a male Wu 戊 Earth Day Master is born in month of Monkey 申 (Shen) which is the season of Autumn, where Metal is the dominant and most prosperous element. The season of birth renders the Day Master a weak Day Master. As such, the Wealth, Output and Influence Elements, represented by Water, Metal and Wood, are Unfavourable. The Resource and Companion Elements, represented by Fire and Earth, are Favourable.

The Wealth Element represents the Spouse Element to a male Day Master – as such, in this chart, the Spouse Element would be considered an Unfavourable Element. In this chart, the Primary Spouse Star, which is the Direct Wealth Star, represented by Gui 癸 Water, is located in the correct palace. The Direct Wealth Star is located in the Rat 子 (Zi) Earthly Branch, which is also the Spouse Palace. There is further a Hidden Wu-Gui combination between the Day Master and the Gui Water within the Rat (Zi), which produces a Favourable Element, namely, Fire. In this case, the unfavourable quality of the Wealth Element is somewhat ameliorated by the combination and the correct positioning of the Wealth Star.

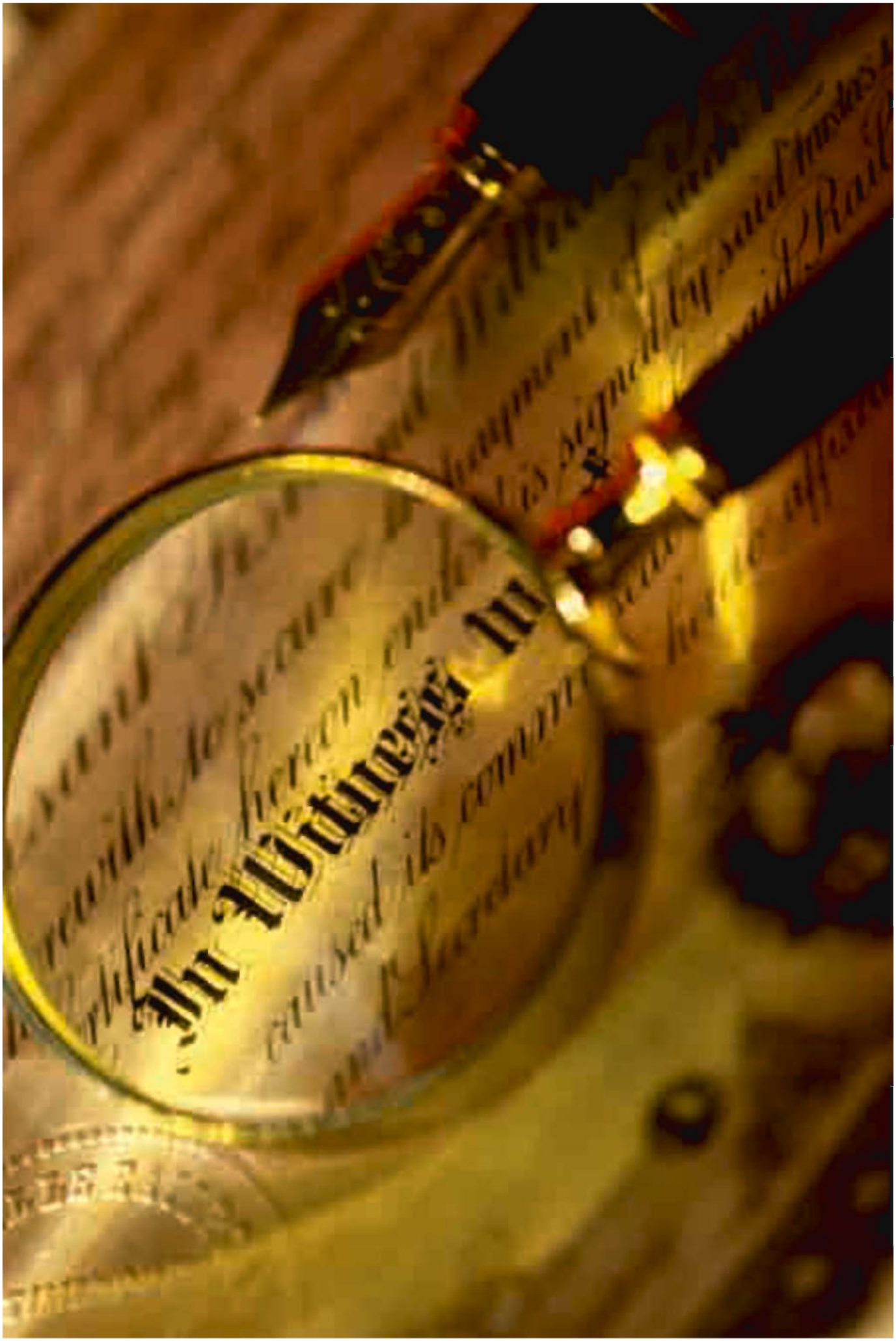
時 Hour	日 Day	月 Month	年 Year	
食神 EG 辛 Xin Yin Metal	日元 DM 己 Ji Yin Earth	正官 DO 甲 Jia Yang Wood	傷官 HO 庚 Geng Yang Metal	天干 Heavenly Stems
未 Wei Goat Yin Earth	亥 Hai Pig Yin Water	申 Shen Monkey Yang Metal	辰 Chen Dragon Yang Earth	地支 Earthly Branches
乙 Yi - Wood 殺 7K; 己 Ji - Earth 比 F; 丁 Ding - Fire 卩 IR	壬 Ren + Water 財 DW; 甲 Jia + Wood 官 DO	戊 Wu + Earth 劫 RW; 庚 Geng + Metal 傷 HO; 壬 Ren + Water 財 DW	癸 Gui - Water 才 IW; 戊 Wu + Earth 劫 RW; 乙 Yi - Wood 殺 7K	藏干 Hidden Stems

This is the chart of a female Ji 己 Earth Day Master is born in month of Monkey 申 (Shen) which is the season of Autumn, where Metal is the dominant and most prosperous element. The season of birth renders the Day Master a weak Day Master. As such, the Wealth, Output and Influence Elements, represented by Water, Metal and Wood, are Unfavourable. The Resource and

Companion Elements, represented by Fire and Earth, are Favourable.

The Influence Element represents the Spouse Element to a female Day Master – as such, in this chart, the Spouse Element would be considered an Unfavourable Element. However there are some positive features in this chart which help to minimise the effect of the unfavourable Spouse Element. For starters, the Spouse Element in this chart is not very strong – Wood, which represents the Spouse Element of a female Ji 己 Earth Day Master, is weak in Autumn. So the Day Master will not quite resent the control imposed by the Influence Element here because it is not excessive.

Secondly, the Primary Spouse Star for a Ji Earth female, namely the Direct Officer Star, represented by Jia 甲 Wood, is located right on the Month Stem, next to the Day Master and is further rooted in the Pig 亥 (Hai) Earthly Branch located in the Spouse Palace. If you look back to the first Power of X book, the presence of the Spouse Star, in the Stem next to the Day Master and rooted in the Spouse Palace, is considered an ideal formation for the Spouse Star to present itself. Further, the Spouse Star and the Day Master are in combination on the Stems, denoting sentimentality between the two elements. This is another example of a chart where the unfavourable quality of the Spouse Element can be overcome by other features within the chart.



Chapter 8

Say it with me: Quality, Quality, Quality

If you've been reading the *Destiny Code* series (which includes the *Power of X* subseries up till this point, you will be well aware that the word "quality" has been in each of those books right from the very beginning. In particular, I have always emphasised that whenever we look at any feature in a BaZi chart or any kind of relationship in a BaZi chart, we are looking at the quality of that feature rather than the quantity equation at all times. It's not about how many relationships you have - it's whether or not those are good relationships. It's not about how many Wealth Elements you have - it is about whether you have a good quality Wealth Element.

Most of us associate the word 'quality' with something that has a high value or which is of a certain standard. When something is accordingly deemed to be of 'Good Quality', for most people, it implies that item is good.

In BaZi, the word 'good quality', especially when applied to an Element in a BaZi chart, carries a number of meanings. Superficially, it would refer to an element that is Strong. At a more sophisticated level, the term 'good quality' does not just mean the Element is strong. An element that is weak can still be of 'good quality' if it happens to be exceptionally usable by the Day Master or if it is well-supported by the Element or Elements that that particular Element is inter-dependent upon.

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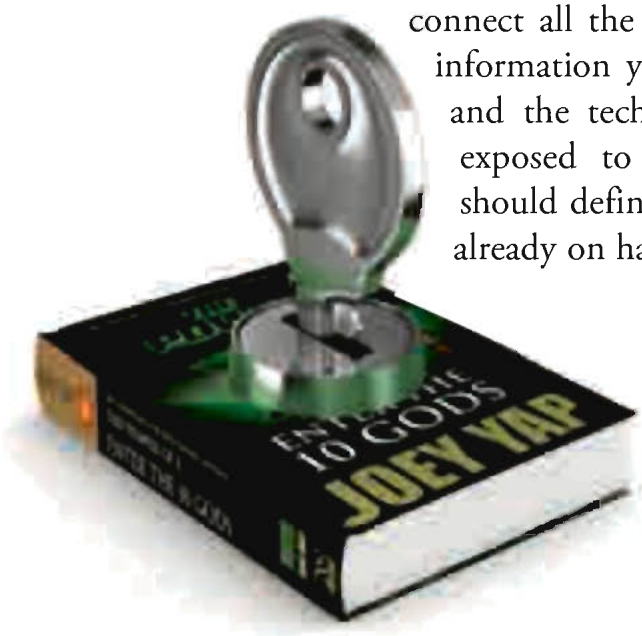
Going forward, the focal point of the next book in the 10 Gods subseries of the *Destiny Code* series will be to address the question of Elemental Quality. Evaluating the Elemental Quality of each of the Five Elements and their Yin-Yang variants within a chart is an important aspect of analysing a BaZi chart - this is what enables a BaZi consultant to have a truly clear perspective on each of the 10 Gods within a given BaZi chart.

That does not mean however that you cannot get useful and effective information about your own BaZi chart or that of another person with the information that you have to date. If you have run the charts through the Walk Throughs included in *Enter The 10 Gods* and this book, you would have already obtained quite a lot of information about your own chart or that of a third party, just by using the techniques discussed in the first two books of the *Power of X* 10 Gods subseries. Granted, you may not be able to put it together as well or as cohesively or necessarily connect all the dots at once. But, with the information you have about the 10 Gods and the techniques that you have been exposed to in these two books, you should definitely have quite a lot of dots already on hand.



Spotting the Connections

The task of connecting the dots – effectively making sense of the various strands of information that you have obtained from the chart through the various techniques – requires a great deal of practice. It is not something that comes naturally to everyone and you shouldn't expect to be able to work out what everything means right away. Sometimes, it takes a little time for the penny to drop.

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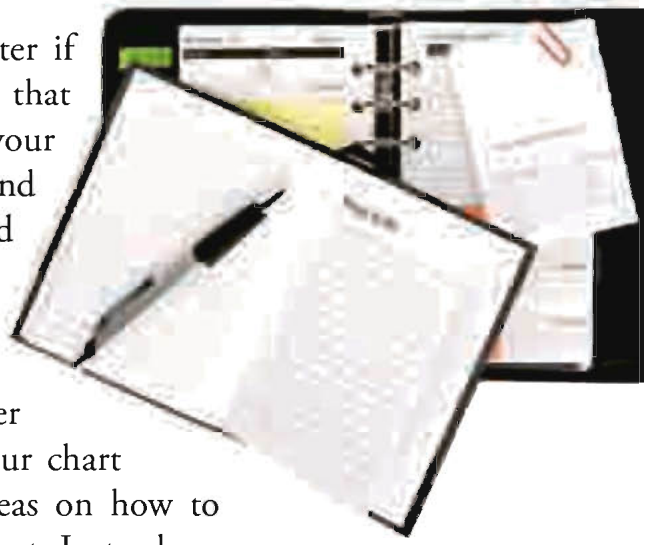
It is essential at this point that you recognise the importance of having a set of questions, both broad and specific ones, in which to guide your inquiry and focus your analysis efforts. At the start of *Enter The 10 Gods*, in Chapter 1, I emphasised the importance of **KNOWING WHAT YOU WANT TO KNOW**. I also encouraged you to list down the questions that you wanted answered or the insights that you sought from decoding your own BaZi chart. I hope that you have taken up my suggestion but have also revisited those questions in light of the new knowledge and analysis methods you have learnt in this book.

KNOWING WHAT YOU WANT TO KNOW.

If for some reason, you haven't approached your own chart with a set of questions in mind, then that exercise all the more important now. The additional information about the 10 Gods contained in this book and the techniques and analysis methods discussed in Chapter 7 would have given you a raft of information and details. It is extremely easy to be overwhelmed by the quantity of information that you have and its discrete nature. By focusing your analysis on the questions you have compiled, you are ensuring that when you analyse your BaZi chart, your inquiry will be an informed and guided one. Thus, whilst you may not be entirely able to connect all the dots, you will certainly start to see some connections.

Getting on with life, the smart way



Of course, all of this does not matter if you never act upon the information that you have derived from decoding your Destiny. So as you come to the end of this book, your next step should not be to wait for the next *Power of X* book (although it will not be long in the waiting). Nor should you be wondering about what other information you can learn about your chart with more techniques and more ideas on how to analyse the 10 Gods in your BaZi chart. Instead, you should be focused on taking action.

Right now, at this very moment, take out a pen and a piece of paper and based on your analysis of your own destiny code, I want you to write down three TO DOs for yourself.

These three To-Dos can be anything but they must be specific. They can be specific courses of action that you need to take to resolve a current problem. They can be specific courses of action or changes that you need to implement to overcome a long-standing character flaw or persistent false mindset that has set you back. They can be specific courses of action that you need to take to capitalise on an advantage you have in life, per your BaZi. It does not matter what you decide to do. As long as you do something.

I would suggest you start off these TO DO lists with two words.

I WILL… (positive thinking remember?)

In fact, let's not waste time. Why don't you just write them down right here?

I WILL ...
I WILL ...
I WILL ...

Once those three TO DOs have been done or integrated into your life, find the next three. And the next three. Strive to keep on improving, to keep on being better, or to just to stop making the same mistakes over again. In doing that, you have taken the first step to empowering yourself through understanding your Destiny Code. And that truly is what this game is all about.

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